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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/13/70

SUBJECT: **[REDACTED]** (100-20786) (P)
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COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES
OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM
(COLIFAM)
IS - MISC
REGISTRATION ACT

OO: New York

Re Indianapolis letter to the Bureau, 8/4/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one information copy and for New York are nine copies of an FD-302 reflecting the results of an interview with Mrs. **[REDACTED]** on 7/24/70.

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Date July 28, 1970

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 Mrs. [REDACTED] Kokomo, Indiana, advised SA [REDACTED] of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that she is the wife of [REDACTED] a pilot in the United States Air Force.

Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that her husband was shot down *b7c* over North Vietnam approximately five years ago and is presently a prisoner of war. She stated that she believed that he is in fairly good health as she has viewed news photographs of him being paraded in Hanoi and she does receive mail from him occasionally. She advised that recently she has been receiving one letter a month from her husband.

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 Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that she is aware of an organization known as the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam. She advised that she has received letters from her husband to her that have come through intermediaries which have belonged to various groups that she described as being leftist. She advised that some time around August of 1968 she was receiving these letters with cover letters from the American Friends Service Committee, a member of which was the Reverend RICHARD FERNANDEZ. She advised that the Reverend FERNANDEZ is also associated with this Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam. She does not recall exactly when the letters started coming with cover letters from this committee, however, it has been for some time.

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 Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that she has never been contacted by the committee except to receive literature from them which would be included in a letter that also enclosed an envelope and letter from her husband. She recalled that in some of the correspondence from the committee she was told to send the letters to her husband back through that committee, but that she has not done so. She advised that the receipt of these letters from the committee has been the extent of her correspondence and connection with that organization. She noted that she has received between seven and ten letters from her husband through this committee. She also advised that she has not received anything else from her husband other than these letters.

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On 7/24/70 at Kokomo, Indiana File # IP 100-20786

by SA [REDACTED] *b7c* Date dictated 7/24/70

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ENCLOSURE

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Mrs. [REDACTED] recalled that the cover letters usually were form letters and contained some statement to the effect that a member of the committee had been to North Vietnam and had brought the letter back. She stated that there has never been any attempt to describe the visit or identify the members of the committee who worked in North Vietnam or who brought the letters back with them.

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Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that she believes that the wife of JAMES KASLER at Indianapolis, Indiana, has had the same type of contact with the committee that she has had.

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Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that she would be willing to cooperate with the United States Government in any way possible and would gladly testify concerning her association with the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam.

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REPORTING OFFICE NEWARK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 8/31/70	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 7/15-8/18/70
TITLE OF CASE COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPE
7-29-93 48039 [REDACTED] b7c [REDACTED] b7c		CHARACTER OF CASE IS-MISCELLANEOUS; RA-NORTH VIETNAM b7c	

REFERENCES

Memo of J. WALTER YEAGLEY, Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division, to the Bureau dated 5/26/70.
 New York airtel and LHM, 6/9/70.
 San Diego report of SA [REDACTED] 6/9/70.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

A check of the following military intelligence agencies was conducted on 7/15/70 and 7/17/70 by SA [REDACTED] with negative results regarding information concerning activities of Colifam in the New Jersey area:

Captain [REDACTED] b7c
 108th MI Gp, Newark, New Jersey

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 3 - Newark (97-353)

Deleted Copy Sent [REDACTED] b7c
 by Letter Dated 5/12/76 2/22/76
 Per FOIPA Request [REDACTED]

Dissemination Record of Attached Report

Agency	ASL, OAI, ACSE, RAC, ISD	b7c
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Date Fwd.	9-11-70	
How Fwd.	915	
By	[REDACTED]	

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[REDACTED]
Office of Security Investigation (OSI)
Newark, N.J.

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[REDACTED]
Naval Investigative Service (NIS)
Newark, New Jersey

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Set forth in the body of this report are inter-views of [REDACTED] Mrs. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] all of whom furnished original copies of correspondence from Colifam, of which Xerox copies are included in instant report. Newark will retain original copies of mentioned communications.

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Newark is unable to determine the home address of Captain [REDACTED] who appeared in the list of prisoners being held in the Republic of North Vietnam and whose address was shown only as New Jersey (New York airtel and LHM, 6/9/70.)

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On 8/12/70, an attempt to determine WEBB's address through the files of the Department of Motor Vehicles, Trenton, N.J., was made with negative results.

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Mrs. [REDACTED] during interview on 7/27/70, furnished the name of one [REDACTED] who she advised has been in contact with RICHARD FERNANDEZ. According to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was seeking information concerning her husband who was shot down over Laos or Cambodia.

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AT TRENTON, N.J.: Will locate and interview Mrs. (FNU) [REDACTED] N.J.

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AT CAMDEN, N.J.: Will locate and interview Mrs. [REDACTED] N.J.

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AT MORRISTOWN, N.J.: Will locate and interview Mrs. [REDACTED] N.J.

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Copy to:

Report of:

Date:

August 31, 1970

Office: NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

Field Office File #:

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Bureau File #: 100-457899

Title:

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES
OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH
VIETNAM

Character:

INTERNAL SECURITY-MISCELLANEOUS;
REGISTRATION ACT -NORTH VIETNAM

Synopsis:

On 7/27/70, Mrs. [REDACTED] N.J., furnished a letter received from Colifam on 1/27/70 with information as to the method to be utilized in sending and receiving communications between families in the U.S. and prisoners being held by the North Vietnamese Government. [REDACTED] has had no personal contact with representatives of this organization. Mrs. [REDACTED] N.J., furnished an information sheet received from the Committee dated January, 1970, setting forth background, functions, and clarification that the Committee will be dealing solely with the Government of North Vietnam and would function entirely apart from the U.S. Government. She has never had personal contact with any member of the Colifam Committee but has knowledge that on occasion her mail has been delivered in North Vietnam by individuals willing to take a letter to her son. [REDACTED] recalls one such individual as the Reverend RICHARD FERNANDEZ, who is listed as a member of the Committee. [REDACTED] Cinnaminson Township, N.J., furnished a quantity of literature and material received from Colifam. [REDACTED] advised that although he disagrees emphatically with the principals of this Committee and method of operation, he has never been encouraged or induced by this Committee to act in any manner contrary to the laws of the U.S.

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Date July 27, 1970

January, on July 20, 1970, stated the following:

She has never had personal contact with members of the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam.

A letter dated May 29, 1968, carrying the letterhead, "Liberation, 3 Beekman Street, New York, New York 10038, telephone (212) 697-1400, Cable: "VANGUARD", was addressed to Mrs. [REDACTED] and her husband, [REDACTED]. It stated that three Americans, WILLIAM SOMER, SON-GRUENGLATT, and ARNOLD BLANKIN had just returned from a two-week visit in North Vietnam. They brought with them the enclosed letter which the Vietnamese asked to be forwarded to Mr. and Mrs. Vassani.

The letter, Mrs. [REDACTED] said, also mentioned that DAVE DILLINGER, Editor, presumably of "Liberation", had had other contacts with the Vietnamese and, as a result, they have had several letters from families and friends of captured American pilots. DAVE (DILLINGER) had written a memo to answer such letters and a copy was enclosed for the [REDACTED]. The letter was signed "Barbara Webster, Secretary to Dave Dillinger".

In a postscript, WEBSTER apologized if she misspelled the [REDACTED] name as she could not make out their son's handwriting.

Mrs. [REDACTED] said she telephoned and wrote DAVE MILLER at the Liberation Office thanking him for their spa's letter. The letterhead of the above letter from "Liberation" also listed the following individuals:
Editorial Board: A. J. MURDO (1965-1967) Chairman;
DAVE MILLER, Editor; BARBARA DUNN; PAUL GOODMAN;
SIDNEY LENS; SIMPSON LYND, L. J. ROOVER, Managing Editor;
RALPH DE GUA, Treasurer; Associate Editors: KAY BOYLE, TOM HAYDEN,
MAY MONTGOMERY, MILFORD SIKLEY.

Mrs. [REDACTED] said a letter dated December 5, 1960, on a letterhead of the American Friends Service Committee, Inc., 120 North Fifteenth Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102.

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 BY [redacted] Date dictated 7/24/70

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telephone 215-563-9372, over the signature of STEWARD MEACHAM, Peace Education Secretary, advised that a colleague, LOUIS SCHNEIDER, was going to Hanoi soon and was willing to take letters to American pilots. If the recipient desired him to carry a letter, it should be sent to LOUIS SCHNEIDER at this address and the letter would be turned over to authorities in Hanoi with the request that it be delivered. If possible, SCHNEIDER would bring letters back with him. His last day would be December 18, 1969. The letter also bore the names of GILBERT F. WHITE, Chairman; HENRY J. CADBURY, Honorary Chairman; BRONSON P. CLARK, Executive Secretary.

AMERICAN FAMILIES SERVICE COMMITTEE
PH. L. P.

By letter dated December 15, 1969, SCHNEIDER, Associate Executive Secretary, acknowledged receipt of a letter from Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] b7c

In a letter dated January 20, 1970, signed by ROGER G. FREDRICKSON for LOUIS W. SCHNEIDER, SCHNEIDER said he delivered to representatives of the Vietnam Committee for Solidarity with American People about 500 letters that had been forwarded to him by family members of prisoners of war in North Vietnam. Before his departure, he received 64 letters from 64 American prisoners of war and in keeping with the North Vietnamese request, gave the letters to the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam, 365 West 42nd Street, New York, N.Y., for transmittal to the individual addressees. b7c

Mrs. [REDACTED] said she did not receive any letters from the foregoing, but had received two letters during December. One came to her through regular mail, and the other came from the Committee of Liaison. The latter addressed it to her in a plain white envelope which bore the return address of EVERETT TAYLOR, 365 West 42nd Street, New York, New York, but had a California postmark. b7c

A letter dated January 27, 1970, on the letterhead of the "Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam", was a form letter signed by MAGGIE GEDDES. It assumed the [REDACTED] had already received the letter from North Vietnam which had been forwarded by members of the Committee. An information sheet was enclosed which explained the work of the Committee of Liaison. b7c

A letter from the Committee of Liaison dated May 7, 1970, encouraged Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] to use the Committee's facilities in writing to their son. It also set out limitations on the size of packages that could be sent to

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prisoners. Mrs. [REDACTED] said she advised a [REDACTED] at Randolph Air Force Base of this letter and said she may have forwarded the letter to him.

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Mrs. [REDACTED] contacted the Liaison Office in May, 1970, to inquire about some of the information in this letter and talked to CORA WEISS. She recalled that WEISS made a statement to the effect that "After all, our boys went there killing women and children."

Although she had never met with Liaison members personally, she said a Mrs. GENE/REYNOLDS, Halla Cynard, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, telephone 215-WO 4-5676, had a party for ERNEST TAYLOR following TAYLOR's return from North Vietnam during December, 1969. The purpose of the party was to have people ask her questions about their relatives being held in North Vietnam.

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[REDACTED] also said that a Mrs. [REDACTED] New Jersey, spoke to RICHARD FERNANDEZ when they met in Cambodia. FERNANDEZ at that time told [REDACTED] there were several members in the organization which are disapproved by the Liaison Committee and were to be thrown out. FERNANDEZ said Mrs. [REDACTED] husband had been shot down over Laos or Cambodia and she had gone to East Asia in an effort to obtain information about him.

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Mrs. [REDACTED] recalled that in January or February, 1970, CORA WEISS and BARBARA WEBSTER appeared on the "Contact Program" conducted by TOM SWYDER on Channel 3, Philadelphia. They discussed treatment of American prisoners by the North Vietnamese.

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A copy of the letter received by Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] from MAGGIE GEDDES on January 27, 1970, is as follows:

COMMITTEE OF LI.

with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam

365 West 42nd Street, New York, N.Y. 10036

(212) 765-1490

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ABLE ADDRESS:
COLIAFAM

January 27, 1970

Chairmen:
Dave Dellinger
Core Weiss

Dear *Mrs. (Mrs.)* [REDACTED] *EO 12812-2*

Chairman:
Mrs. Anne Bennett

Committee (in formation):
Rennie Davis
Rev. Richard Fernandez
Maggie Geddes
Steve Halliwell
Stewart Meacham
Prof. Bea Seitzman
Ethel Taylor
Barbara Webster
Trudi Young

staff

We assume that by this time you have received the letter from North Vietnam which was forwarded to you by members of our Committee. We are enclosing an Information Sheet which explains the work of the Committee of Liaison.

The North Vietnamese have said that prisoners will be able to receive and send one letter a month. As noted in the Information Sheet, you may send letters directly to North Vietnam (note the mail address and route). If you would like us to forward them for you, please enclose but do not affix stamps as we will be sending them on in packets. We are also enclosing a letter form which you might wish to use, whether you send it directly or through us. Prisoners can also receive one package, not over six pounds in weight, every other month.

To insure the safe and rapid delivery of mail from prisoners, the North Vietnamese will send periodic packets of letters through our office. The letters will then be dispatched immediately to the families to whom they are addressed.

The only way to secure the eventual release of prisoners is through the decision by the United States to end the war. But in the meantime we are pleased to be able to assist in the communication between men and their families. We hope to forward letters on to you again soon.

Sincerely,

Maggie Geddes
Maggie Geddes

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date August 12, 1970

[REDACTED] New Jersey, mother of [REDACTED], advised that her son, a United States Navy pilot, was shot down and captured in North Vietnam in May, 1968.

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Mrs. [REDACTED] stated her initial contact with the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam, address 365 West 42nd Street, New York, New York, was after DAVE DELLINGER and CORA WEISS, co-chairmen of the Committee, went to North Vietnam in August, 1968. These individuals brought a letter back to the United States from her son, and they forwarded the contents of the letter to her and her husband first in a telegram and the following day she received the letter itself. She stated she did not have any personal contact with these individuals. She did learn that they had also brought back a film containing an interview with her son; however, this film to her knowledge has never been released and she has never seen it nor does she intend to ask to see it.

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In January, 1970, she stated she received a two-page leaflet bearing the letterhead "Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam, 365 West 42nd Street, New York, New York, 10036-212-765-1490". It was dated January, 1970, and titled "Information Sheet". Co-chairmen were listed as DAVE DELLINGER and CORA WEISS. Mrs. [REDACTED] furnished a Xerox copy of this leaflet which describes the Committee's background, functions, a clarification that the Committee will be dealing solely with the government of North Vietnam, would function entirely apart from the United States Government and a statement that all United States servicemen can return safely with a decision on the part of the United States Government to withdraw from Vietnam.

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Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that in April, 1970, she was in receipt of a letter from her son dated March 18, 1970, in an envelope bearing the return address of the Committee in New York. This letter came by regular mail. Her son's letter had no stamp on it, it was on the prescribed form used by

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New Jersey

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by [REDACTED]

Date dictated 8/10/70

prisoners of war in North Vietnam, and again she had no personal contact with any member of the Committee. In this letter he indicated that he had been injured at the time he had bailed out of his plane and parachuted into North Vietnam, and that he had received three letters in 1969 dated May 19, 1969; June 17, 1969; and July 20, 1969.

Mrs. [REDACTED] ^{b7c} stated that outgoing mail to her son has been either handled by regular mail service or on occasion when the United States Navy has called and informed her and her husband that someone was going to North Vietnam and was willing to carry a letter to her son. She recalled one such individual as the Reverend RICHARD FERNANDEZ, whose address she could not recall, but who was listed on the leaflet as described above as a member of the Committee. She stated that other individuals have been likewise identified, but their names she could not now recall, who also carried with them to North Vietnam a letter from them for her son. She stated that the United States Naval Intelligence in Washington, D.C., has the full information on her son and contacts with her and her husband.

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Mrs. [REDACTED] ^{b7c} stated that neither she nor her husband has ever been personally contacted by any member of the Committee as described; that neither she nor her husband has ever been harassed in any manner by the Committee; nor have they ever received any personal objects via the Committee from her son. She stated they have sent via United States channels parcels to their son which they are allowed to do every two months. She stated that other than as described in the leaflet she had no knowledge of the Committee's contacts or sources of information in North Vietnam nor was she in contact with any other family who has a son as a prisoner in North Vietnam and been in similar contact with the Committee.

Mrs. [REDACTED] ^{b7c} stated she has no first hand knowledge concerning the activities of the Committee other than as described above. She stated that in view of her son's status at this time she would not, while he is a prisoner, want to do anything that might jeopardize his position. She stated she is an American in every sense of the word, and she would cooperate in every way possible; however, if this meant giving open testimony at this time she would have to consider such a request at great length so as not to jeopardize her son's life.

Mrs. [REDACTED] ^{b7c} did not furnish any further information at this time.

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Mrs. [REDACTED] furnished a copy of the two-page leaflet received in January, 1979, and it is as follows:

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON

with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam

365 West 42nd Street New York N.Y. 10036

212-765-1490

January, 1970

INFORMATION SHEET

Co-chairmen:
Dave Dellinger
Cora Weiss

Background

Treasurer:
Mrs. Anne Brennan

Committee (in formation):
Rennie Davis
Rev. Richard Fernandez
Maggie Goldes
Steve Helliwell
Stewart McEacham
Prof. Bea Seitzman
Ethel Taylor
Barbara Webster
Trudi Young
staff

In the course of the Vietnam war, links have been built between the people of Vietnam and Americans who oppose the war through numerous meetings and conferences. These meetings have taken place in Europe, Canada, Cuba and Southeast Asia and have included people from both the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (North Vietnam) and the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam (now part of the Provisional Revolutionary Government).

In these meetings the Vietnamese have always stressed a distinction between the U.S. government, whom they hold responsible for the policy of war, and the U.S. people, whom they believe still value the goals upon which this country was founded--independence, justice, freedom and equality. This same distinction is evident to those Americans who have visited North Vietnam and found that even though the nation is armed to defend itself, the people are encouraged by their government to believe that the American people are basically decent and humane.

It is therefore understandable that the Vietnamese should indicate their basic confidence in the American people through the peace movement which they believe embodies American ideals, rather than the government. And in the past, the Vietnamese have asked the peace movement to receive U.S. servicemen--primarily pilots whose planes were shot down--when the North Vietnamese government has decided to release them. On three separate occasions--February 1968, July 1968 and July 1969--the peace movement has gone to Hanoi and returned with released servicemen; on one occasion an American peace activist went to Phnom Penh, Cambodia to receive three released NLF captives.

In addition, Americans visiting Hanoi have frequently carried letters there at the request of families, and have brought back letters from servicemen. There have also been occasions when American peace activists have met prisoners and talked with them.

Functions of the Committee

A Committee of Liaison has now been established as an extension of these past efforts at the request of the North Vietnamese. As on past occasions, the peace movement is responding to a request by the Vietnamese to meet a specific, immediate need and is not in any sense representing the government of North Vietnam.

The Committee will seek to facilitate communication between families in the U.S. and servicemen now imprisoned in North Vietnam. Basically, the Committee will receive letters from servicemen and forward them through the domestic mails, thereby decreasing, we hope, past problems in the receipt of such mail. We will also forward letters to North Vietnam at the request of relatives. Families are of course still free to send letters and parcels directly but should note that the instructions on mailing previously issued by the State Department are wrong. The correct address is:

name of serviceman
serial number
Camp of Detention of U.S. Pilots
Captured in the D.R.V.
Hanoi, Democratic Republic of Vietnam
via Moscow, U.S.S.R.

In addition, it is possible that the Vietnamese will be able to verify

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requests for information about servicemen from families who are uncertain if their relatives are being held in North Vietnam. Requests should be submitted to the Committee, but there is no certainty when and if the North Vietnamese will be able to respond. The Committee will of course transmit immediately any information that it receives to the family.

Clarification

Two clarifications are in order: first, it should be noted that the Committee will be dealing solely with the government of North Vietnam and will not have any information on men held in South Vietnam by the Provisional Revolutionary Government. Nor will we be able to provide information at this time concerning men held in Laos or any other Southeast Asian country where U.S. troops and aircraft are presently involved in combat missions.

Secondly, the Committee will function entirely apart from the U.S. government. The U.S. government has frequently made it more difficult for the Vietnamese to be open to the concerns of American families by using the families' genuine desires as a propaganda ploy. The government has further attempted to provoke an angry response from the Vietnamese by publicizing unsubstantiated and inflammatory testimony from fliers already released: apparently, the government has decided to jeopardize existing communications and the possibility of future releases for the sake of propaganda aimed at prolonging the war. The North Vietnamese are also very aware that the U.S. government's claims of humanitarian concerns are contradicted by the well-documented policy of torture and brutality practiced on prisoners taken in the South by U.S. and Saigon troops.

In addition to all these factors, there is the simple fact that the resolution of the fate of all the servicemen now held in North Vietnam waits ultimately upon a U.S. decision to end the war and withdraw all its forces and materiel.

Who We Are

We firmly believe that the safe return of these men and the half million others that the U.S. maintains in South Vietnam, Laos, Thailand and aboard naval vessels--who can also be viewed as prisoners, prisoners of their own government since many have been sent to fight in a war against the dictates of their own conscience--can only come with a decision on the part of the U.S. government to withdraw from Vietnam. Because of this conviction, we who are serving on this Committee will continue our efforts to create popular pressure strong enough to force the government to withdraw.

We are active in a variety of organizations committed to ending the war: American Friends Service Committee, The New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, Clergy and Laymen Concerned about Vietnam, Women Strike for Peace, The Conspiracy, and Women Against Daddy Warbucks. The Committee is supported by donations from individuals and organizations, and welcomes any gifts to sustain its work.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date August 18, 1970

[REDACTED] b2c
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] New Jersey, was interviewed and furnished the following information: b7c

[REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] He is the father of [REDACTED] United States Air Force, who is presently a prisoner of the North Vietnamese Government, Hanoi, North Vietnam.

[REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] advised that his son, [REDACTED] was shot down over North Vietnam on [REDACTED] 1965, and was captured by the North Vietnamese forces at that time.

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[REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] advised that he wished to furnish all information at his disposal concerning his son and all correspondence directed to his son while a prisoner of war. He stated, however, that under no circumstances did he want his identity revealed as a source of any information concerning his son, inasmuch as he considered his son, [REDACTED] to be in an extremely hazardous position as a prisoner of war. He stated that he feels if it became known that he furnished any information concerning activities of any organization in the United States who had cooperated with the government of North Vietnam, that his son's life would be in danger. He stated that he was emphatic that he did not desire to be publicly identified as the source of any information concerning any organization, and under no circumstances would he willingly appear as a witness to the information which he furnishes.

[REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] advised that he is violently opposed to beliefs expressed by the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (CLIFSDN), and has publicly expressed his opposition to the views of this organization. b7c
However, he feels an obligation as the father of [REDACTED] to correspond with his son as frequently as possible in order to maintain his son's morale and ability to withstand any type of imprisonment. Consequently, he feels that where it is possible

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to utilizing services to exchange correspondence with his son, he will do so with the permission of the United States Government.

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[redacted] advised that he has maintained constant contact with the offices of the United States Air Force, particularly the Office of the Directorate of Personnel Services, specifically Lieutenant Colonel A.W. GALTON, who has held this position as well as Colonel J.S. LUTHER, who also served as director of Personnel Services of the United States Air Force. He has advised the Air Force Personnel of all correspondence received by him from his son, and of all correspondence directed by him to his son, both through the United States Air Force itself and through COLIFAM, as well as the International Red Cross. He stated that he has been notified by the Air Force not to discuss his son's status as a prisoner of war with any other person, but that the Air Force has never specifically forbidden or commented specifically on activities of COLIFAM and their efforts to serve as an intermediary between [redacted] and the North Vietnamese Government concerning [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that after his son was shot down and captured on [redacted] 1965, there was no word concerning his welfare for 19 months, when he was notified by the United States Air Force that his son was a prisoner in North Vietnam. Prior to this time he had no information whether his son was dead or captured by the North Vietnamese.

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[redacted] advised that in approximately December, 1969, word was received by the Public Media that his son was alive in North Vietnam as a prisoner and that letters from him had been delivered to the United States by three women who had visited North Vietnam for the purpose of obtaining correspondence from American prisoners of war. After hearing through the news media that a letter from his son was allegedly being delivered in the United States, he learned the identity of one of the three women who had traveled to North Vietnam, Mrs. ETHEL TAYLOR, of the American Friends Service Committee, Incorporated. He then located Mrs. TAYLOR and telephonically discussed with her any information she might have concerning a letter from his son, and she advised [redacted] that another woman who had traveled to North Vietnam with her, Mrs. CORA WEISS of San Francisco, California, was in possession of that letter and had already mailed the letter in the United States to [redacted]

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Shortly after this telephone conversation with Mrs. TAYLOR he was called by Mrs. CORA WEISS who advised him that she had mailed a letter from [redacted] to his parents in the United States.

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[redacted] advised that the following day two letters from his son which had been transmitted to the United States by Mrs. MEIER were received by [redacted] at their residence.

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In early January, 1970, [redacted] was advised by b7c parents of other prisoners of war in North Vietnam that a meeting of parents and relatives of American prisoners of war was scheduled to be held at a church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He could not recall the names of any persons who contacted him regarding this meeting; however, he recalled that this meeting was not associated with any specific organization and particularly not with COLIFAM. He stated, however, that Mrs. MINNIE TAYLOR, whom he contacted following her return from North Vietnam, was scheduled to be the guest speaker at this meeting of relatives and parents of American prisoners of war.

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[redacted] was unable to recall a great deal of what Mrs. TAYLOR said, however, she indicated they were given extremely preferable treatment by a committee of North Vietnamese, and that she had met and interviewed three prisoners of war. [redacted] recalled that he became extremely upset by the tone of Mrs. TAYLOR's speech and that he stood up to criticize her attitude towards the American Government and its policy in Vietnam.

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[redacted] stated that he was extremely critical of any organization or person who criticized the policy of the United States Government in South East Asia. He advised that although his son is a prisoner of war, he feels strongly that the United States is acting correctly in South East Asia, and he is certain that his son has very strong feelings in support of the policy of the United States Government.

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[redacted] made available a quantity of literature and material which he had received from COLIFAM, as well as copies of correspondence which he had directed to that committee. Included among the items which were received from Mr. SIMA, were the following items:

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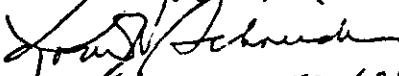
Dear Friend,

This is but a brief note to acknowledge receipt of your letter addressed to your family member who is being held as a prisoner of war in North Vietnam.

My current plans call for me to arrive in North Vietnam on or about 26 December at which point I hope to be able to turn your letter along with a large number of other letters from the immediate families of men being held to the appropriate authorities of the Democratic Republic of North Vietnam, along with my request that the letters be delivered to the individual prisoners.

After my return to the United States I will write to you again to let you know whether it was possible to deliver the letters.

Most sincerely yours,


Louis W. Schneider AKA LOUIS
Associate Executive Secretary LWS

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Dear Friend,

I am happy to report that during my visit to North Vietnam between December 26, 1969, and January 9, 1970, I was able to deliver to the representatives of the Vietmy (Viet Nam Committee for Solidarity with American People) about 500 letters that had been forwarded on to me by you and other family members of prisoners of war in North Vietnam.

Immediately prior to my departure from North Vietnam I was given 69 letters from 64 American prisoners of war, and in keeping with the North Vietnamese request these letters have been given to the

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for transmittal to the individual addressees. We at the American Friends Service Committee are pleased to have had a part in opening a channel for communication between the prisoners and their families and hope that this will continue.

You may be interested to know that during my visit to North Vietnam I was able to deliver a second contribution of open heart surgical equipment to the Benh Vien Viet-Duc Hospital in Hanoi in keeping with a long-standing Quaker concern for civilian sufferers on both sides of a war.

Following my departure from North Vietnam I traveled on to Quang Ngai in South Vietnam to visit the American Friends Service Committee (Quaker) rehabilitation project for civilian casualties.

I have asked my colleagues in Philadelphia to mail this letter to you prior to my return to the United States, so that you might know more promptly that your letter has safely arrived in Hanoi and was given to the appropriate North Vietnamese authorities with my specific request that it be delivered to the individual addressee.

Most sincerely yours,

for: Louis W. Schneider

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In the course of the Vietnam war, links have been built between the people of Vietnam and Americans who oppose the war through numerous meetings and conferences. These meetings have taken place in Europe, Canada, Cuba and Southeast Asia and have included people from both the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (North Vietnam) and the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam (now part of the Provisional Revolutionary Government).

In these meetings the Vietnamese have always stressed a distinction between the U.S. government, whom they hold responsible for the policy of war, and the U.S. people, whom they believe still value the goals upon which this country was founded--independence, justice, freedom and equality. This same distinction is evident to those Americans who have visited North Vietnam and found that even though the nation is armed to defend itself, the people are encouraged by their government to believe that the American people are basically decent and humane.

It is therefore understandable that the Vietnamese should indicate their basic confidence in the American people through the peace movement which they believe embodies American ideals, rather than the government. And in the past, the Vietnamese have asked the peace movement to receive U.S. servicemen--primarily pilots whose planes were shot down--when the North Vietnamese government has decided to release them. On three separate occasions--February 1968, July 1968 and July 1969--the peace movement has gone to Hanoi and returned with released servicemen; on one occasion an American peace activist went to Phnom Penh, Cambodia to receive three released MLF captives.

In addition, Americans visiting Hanoi have frequently carried letters there at the request of families, and have brought back letters from servicemen. There have also been occasions when American peace activists have met prisoners and talked with them.

Functions of the Committee

A Committee of Liaison has now been established as an extension of these past efforts at the request of the North Vietnamese. As on past occasions, the peace movement is responding to a request by the Vietnamese to meet a specific, immediate need and is not in any sense representing the government of North Vietnam.

The Committee will seek to facilitate communication between families in the U.S. and servicemen now imprisoned in North Vietnam. Basically, the Committee will receive letters from servicemen and forward them through the domestic mails, thereby decreasing, we hope, past problems in the receipt of such mail. We will also forward letters to North Vietnam at the request of relatives. Families are of course still free to send letters and parcels directly but should note that the instructions on mailing previously issued by the State Department are wrong. The correct address is:

name of serviceman
serial number
Camp of Detention of U.S. Pilots
Captured in the D.R.V.
Hanoi, Democratic Republic of Vietnam

via Moscow, U.S.S.R.

In addition, it is possible that the Vietnamese will be able to verify

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requests for information about servicemen from families who are uncertain if their relatives are being held in North Vietnam. Requests should be submitted to the Committee, but there is no certainty when and if the North Vietnamese will be able to respond. The Committee will of course transmit immediately any information that it receives to the family.

Clarification

Two clarifications are in order: first, it should be noted that the Committee will be dealing solely with the government of North Vietnam and will not have any information on men held in South Vietnam by the Provisional Revolutionary Government. Nor will we be able to provide information at this time concerning men held in Laos or any other Southeast Asian country where U.S. troops and aircraft are presently involved in combat missions.

Secondly, the Committee will function entirely apart from the U.S. government. The U.S. government has frequently made it more difficult for the Vietnamese to be open to the concerns of American families by using the families' genuine desires as a propaganda ploy. The government has further attempted to provoke an angry response from the Vietnamese by publicizing unsubstantiated and inflammatory testimony from fliers already released; apparently, the government has decided to jeopardize existing communications and the possibility of future releases for the sake of propaganda aimed at prolonging the war. The North Vietnamese are also very aware that the U.S. government's claims of humanitarian concerns are contradicted by the well-documented policy of torture and brutality practiced on prisoners taken in the South by U.S. and Saigon troops.

In addition to all these factors, there is the simple fact that the resolution of the fate of all the servicemen now held in North Vietnam waits ultimately upon a U.S. decision to end the war and withdraw all its forces and materiel.

Who We Are

We firmly believe that the safe return of these men and the half million others that the U.S. maintains in South Vietnam, Laos, Thailand and aboard naval vessels--who can also be viewed as prisoners, prisoners of their own government since many have been sent to fight in a war against the dictates of their own conscience--can only come with a decision on the part of the U.S. government to withdraw from Vietnam. Because of this conviction, we who are serving on this Committee will continue our efforts to create popular pressure strong enough to force the government to withdraw.

We are active in a variety of organizations committed to ending the war: American Friends Service Committee, the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, Clergy and Laymen Concerned about Vietnam, Women Strike for Peace, The Conspiracy, and Women Against Daddy Warbucks. The Committee is supported by donations from individuals and organizations, and welcomes any gifts to sustain its work.

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Chicago, Jan. 15: In an unprecedented move, six anti-war activists announced today the formation of a Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam. The Committee will, according to Mrs. Cora Weiss, a co-chairman of the new group and a housewife from Riverdale, N.Y., "facilitate communication between servicemen held in North Vietnam and their relatives in the United States."

Specifically, "the Committee will receive letters from the captured American pilots," according to Mrs. Weiss, "and immediately forward them to the addressee. Also," she continued, "we will forward inquiries from families in the United States to the North Vietnamese authorities and they will attempt to confirm the status of their missing relatives."

According to Mrs. Weiss, "the North Vietnamese have agreed to send and receive one letter per month between airmen known to be held in North Vietnam and relatives in this country. Letters sent from the U.S.," she continued, "should be addressed to prisoner, serial number, Camp of Detention for U.S. Pilots Captured in the DRV, Hanoi, Democratic Republic of Vietnam, via Moscow, Soviet Union." Packages, Mrs. Weiss added, can be sent every other month and are not to exceed six pounds. Mrs. Weiss noted that the Committee will forward letters for the families to North Vietnam if requested by relatives to do so.

Dave Dellinger, the other co-chairman of the Committee and presently being tried on conspiracy charges in Chicago, outlined the background of previous prisoner releases to the American peace movement and said that "It is understandable that the North Vietnamese indicate their confidence in the American people through the peace movement in this way. We who are on this Committee," he continued, "firmly believe that the safe return of American pilots held in North Vietnam can only come from a decision on the part of the U.S. government to withdraw from Vietnam."

Mr. Dellinger decried the U.S. government for its ignoring the fate of thousands of prisoners in jails in South Vietnam who, with full knowledge and assistance of American personnel, are subjected to grotesque tortures, as has been frequently documented, most authoritatively by Congressman John Conyers and the Rev. Robert Drinan, Dean of Boston College Law School, in a recent survey of South Vietnamese prisons.

Another member of the Committee, Stewart Meacham, Peace Education Secretary of the American Friends Service Committee, said that "Lou Schneider of the AFSC has recently been given a packet of 69 letters in Hanoi from servicemen and those letters will soon arrive from Hong Kong in New York, and will immediately be sent to the addressees." Mr. Meacham said that "the 69 letters en route to the U.S. were written by 64 prisoners and the Committee can presently confirm the names of 182 airmen held by the North Vietnamese, or reported to be dead or unknown." Mr. Meacham emphasized that the list (available upon request) of 182 names was neither final nor comprehensive. He said that "While these names are known to us, there are undoubtedly others known to their families."

Other persons participating in the press conference included Rennie

Davis, a defendant in the conspiracy trial, the Rev. Richard Fernandez, Director of Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam, and Maggie Geddes and Trudi Young, staff members of the Committee.

In December 1969, Mrs. Cora Weiss and two other women, Ethel Taylor of Philadelphia and Madeleine Duckles of San Francisco, all active with Women Strike for Peace, came back from Hanoi with 138 letters from prisoners for Christmas. Mrs. Weiss said at the press conference that she had worked out the details for this Committee during this recent trip. Historically, the development of the Committee is unprecedented in time of war.

Other members of the Committee of Liaison not present at today's press conference include Mrs. Anne Bennett, Prof. Ben Seitzman, Steve Halliwell and Barbara Webster. The Committee's office is at 365 West 42nd Street, 2nd floor, New York, N.Y.

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Note: Since this release, 87 more letters from prisoners have been sent from North Vietnam for forwarding by the Committee.

Antiwar Group Seen As Liaison To U.S. POWs

NEW YORK (AP) — An office to arrange and facilitate exchange of mail between American servicemen imprisoned in North Vietnam and their families will open here today, a group opposed to the war announced yesterday.

The office can be reached at the Committee of Liaison with Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam, and its organizers are Mrs. Cora Weiss and David Dellinger.

Mrs. Weiss said the organization has had numerous contacts with families of prisoners it hopes to aid. She said 63 letters from 64 servicemen, brought by hand to Hong Kong, were flown to Philadelphia Saturday, then mailed to the families.

She said the North Vietnamese had approved mail arrangements by which families could send one letter and one package of no more than six pounds each month to relatives held prisoner.

Mrs. Weiss, national head of the Women's Strike for Peace and a co-chairman of the New Mobilization to End the War in Vietnam, returned recently from a trip to Hanoi.

Dellinger is one of the seven defendants being tried in Chicago on charges growing out of the disorders during the 1968 Democratic National Convention.

Mrs. Weiss said North Vietnamese officials have agreed to "reply to the extent possible" to inquiries from families.

The office will be at 365 W. 42nd St., Mrs. Weiss said.

Foes of War Form Group to Forward Letters to P.O. Men

Special to the Times
CHICAGO, Jan. 15 — Opponents of the Vietnam war announced today the formation of a committee to "facilitate communication between servicemen held in North Vietnam and their relatives in the United States."

At a news conference here, the founders said the Hanoi Government had agreed to work through the new committee, which is called Committee of Liaison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam.

Mrs. Cora Weiss of Riverdale, the Bronx, a housewife who is co-chairman of the committee, said Hanoi had agreed to send all mail from American prisoners of war to the committee,

which will have offices at 365 West 42d Street in New York City. She said the committee would then forward the letters to the prisoners' families.

Mrs. Weiss, who spent two weeks in North Vietnam in December, said the North Vietnamese had also agreed to answer inquiries from families of missing men and would "attempt to confirm their status."

Mrs. Weiss said this was the first time the North Vietnamese had agreed to answer such inquiries. She said the committee hoped for reasonably prompt responses.

Mrs. Weiss outlined the procedures for such inquiries. She said the family of any missing man could contact the committee's New York office and ask it to approach Hanoi.

She said the committee would send a telegram to North Vietnam, "assuming that Western Union will send our telegrams—we've had some trouble with that."

If the airman has been confirmed killed or is unknown to the North Vietnamese, Mrs. Weiss said, Hanoi will respond by telegram. If the man was injured or in a prison camp, she said, the North Vietnamese would attempt to get the man to write his family through the committee.

With regard to mail from North Vietnam, Mrs. Weiss outlined the procedure to be followed. She said North Vietnam had agreed to send and receive one letter a month between prisoners and their relatives in this country.

Letters from the prisoners are to be sent in bundles to the committee's offices and then forwarded from there to the families.

from The New York Times, 1/16/70

from San Diego Union, 1/19/70

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Dear [REDACTED] b7c E012812-2

We're very happy to forward this letter to you which just arrived from North Vietnam along with 81 others.

We know it's been a long time since you were informed that this letter was en route, but it's a long trip and we too are delighted that they've arrived.

Sincerely,

Barbara Webster Maggie Geddes

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January 27, 1970

Dear [REDACTED]:

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We assume that by this time you have received the letter from North Vietnam which was forwarded to you by members of our Committee. We are enclosing an Information Sheet which explains the work of the Committee of Liaison.

The North Vietnamese have said that prisoners will be able to receive and send one letter a month. As noted in the Information Sheet, you may send letters directly to North Vietnam (note the mail address and route). If you would like us to forward them for you, please enclose but do not affix stamps as we will be sending them on in packets. We are also enclosing a letter form which you might wish to use, whether you send it directly or through us. Prisoners can also receive one package, not over six pounds in weight, every other month.

To insure the safe and rapid delivery of mail from prisoners, the North Vietnamese will send periodic packets of letters through our office. The letters will then be dispatched immediately to the families to whom they are addressed.

The only way to secure the eventual release of prisoners is through the decision by the United States to end the war. But in the meantime we are pleased to be able to assist in the communication between men and their families. We hope to forward letters on to you again soon.

Sincerely,

Maggie Geddes
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Dear Mr. [REDACTED] b7c

Thank you very much for your donation to the Committee of Liaison. We appreciate your generous help.

We forwarded the letter to your son you'd sent us for March. There will be people leaving in the next few weeks on a trip to North Vietnam, who will be taking letters with them if you would like to send your next monthly letter a little early to us. They will be leaving by March 28th, I think, so if you would like to send us a letter, we would be glad to see that it goes with them to Hanoi.

Again, thank you, on behalf of the Committee, for your support.

Sincerely,

Maggie Geddes
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Dear [REDACTED]:

We have just received word from Hanoi that

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a letter from [REDACTED] has been mailed to you from North Vietnam. His name was included in a list of 80 servicemen just received: this list represents advance notice of 82 letters mailed together in a package due to arrive soon. As soon as it comes, we will forward it to you. Forgive this mimeographed communication, but we wanted you to know as quickly as possible.

The Committee of Liaison was set up to facilitate communication between men who are held in North Vietnam and their families in this country. You may be interested to know that since this new arrangement was made with the North Vietnamese in December, 376 letters have been sent from Hanoi through us to families, and that as of this current notification 256 servicemen have been confirmed as held by the North Vietnamese. More mail is en route and it is expected that mail will soon be normalized.

The arrangement for mail is described in the announcement enclosed. We are very pleased to be able to perform this service and hope that you will feel free to be in touch with us should you have further questions. In the meantime we continue to work for the immediate and complete withdrawal of all troops from Vietnam; to bring to an end the fighting, killing and capturing; and to hasten the day when all families, American and Vietnamese will be reunited.

Sincerely yours,

Cora Weiss Dave Dellinger
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Dear friend:

We are very glad to send you the enclosed letter which we received from North Vietnam today.

Over 400 letters are en route from servicemen being held in North Vietnam. The enclosed letter, along with 79 others, was in the first packet to arrive here out of a total of five packets which we have been expecting.

We are also enclosing a letter form which the North Vietnamese have suggested relatives use when writing to servicemen in North Vietnam. You can mail it or regular letters directly to Hanoi or to our office for forwarding. If you send letters to us, please enclose but do not affix stamps as we forward them on in packets.

For those of you who may not have already received one, we are enclosing an Information Sheet which explains what the Committee of Liaison is.

With hopes for an early decision by the United States to withdraw from Vietnam,

Sincerely,

Steve Halliwell Barbara Webster
Steve Halliwell Barbara Webster

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Att: Mrs. Maggie Geddes

Dear Mrs. Geddes:

Re: [REDACTED]

Enclosed is a short letter to our son, Tom, on the form you provided. We are also sending to your care a food package for him. This is being done as you suggested in one of your memorandums.

Enclosed is \$5.00 in cash to help defray expenses. This will also acknowledge that we have received the two short letters from Tom, which were handled by your Committee.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

We received your note a few days ago, in time for the letter you'd enclosed to your son to be taken directly to Hanoi by a group of anti-war activists leaving for a visit to North Vietnam.

Then, today, the food package you'd sent to us for forwarding arrived at the post office. We do not forward packages (I can't recall any of our material saying we did--our Info. Sheet says we don't.) Consequently I refused it at the post office, and it should be returned to you in a few days. You should just send it the way packages are usually sent, with the "via Moscow" address on it. I assume you have the card necessary for mailing such packets to North Vietnam.

Thank you for your contribution to the expenses of the Committee's work; we are grateful for your help.

Sincerely,

Maggie Geddes

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Dear [REDACTED]

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Rev. Richard Fernandez, a member of the Committee of Liaison, returned today from a two-week trip to Laos and North Vietnam. He brought back the enclosed letter along with 201 others from prisoners being held in North Vietnam.

While there, Rev. Fernandez held a lengthy interview with three pilots, Cdr. Robert Schweitzer, Cdr. Walter Wilber and Lt. Col. Edison Miller. He also was advised by North Vietnamese authorities that families should write letters monthly on the enclosed air-letter forms. We are therefore sending several to you at this time and will send more with subsequent mail.

We are of course very pleased to be able to forward this letter to you.

Sincerely yours,

Steven E. Halliwell
Steven E. Halliwell

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May 11, 1970

Committee of Liaison
365 West 42nd Street
New York, N. Y. 10036

Att: Maggie Geddes

EO 12812-2

Dear Miss Geddes:

Re; [REDACTED]

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This will acknowledge that we received letters brought in by various people on your Committee, the last one being brought in by Rev. Richard Fernandez. We appreciate this favor.

Please forward this short letter to our son through your channels.

Sincerely yours,

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COMMITTEE OF LIAISON

with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam

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Dear friend:

We are very glad to send you the enclosed letter from North Vietnam. It, along with 142 others, was brought to this country by Jean Palomdon, Nancy Rubin and Judy Claver -- anti-war activists who spent two weeks in North Vietnam.

The letters were slightly delayed in getting here because all the material they brought back with them, including the letters, was confiscated by the Canadian Customs upon their arrival in Montreal. This was totally unexpected and unprecedented; but they generated enough pressure so that everything was returned to them.

There will be another group going to North Vietnam at the end of this month. If you would like them to take a letter from you, please send it to us in the next week or so.

Sincerely,

Barbara Webster
Barbara Webster

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[REDACTED]
June 19, 1970

Committee of Liaison
365 West 42nd Street
New York, N. Y. 10036

E0 12812-2
Att: Mrs. Barbara Webster

Dear Mrs. Webster:

This will acknowledge receipt of a letter from
our son, which was sent to us by you as of June 14, 1970.

As indicated in your letter, we are sending
you a letter for our son to be delivered by your group.

[REDACTED] and I appreciate these favors very
much.

b2c
Sincerely yours,
b2c
[REDACTED]

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Dear friend:

We are very happy to send you the enclosed letter. It, along with 105 others, was brought back to this country by a group of anti-war people who have just returned from a visit to North Vietnam.

This brings to a total of 1,110 letters which the Committee of Liaison has forwarded on to families since last December.

Sincerely,
Barbara Webster
Barbara Webster

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[REDACTED]
July 14, 1970

Committee of Liaison
365 West 42nd Street
New York, N. Y. 10036

Dear Sirs:

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We are enclosing a short letter to our son, [REDACTED]
for you to deliver to him.

[REDACTED] b7c and I appreciate all the past favors done
by your Committee in bringing back letters from [REDACTED] to us. We
just hope that you have accomplished the same thing in forward-
ing our letters to him.

I am enclosing a \$25.00 contribution to your
Committee work to help defray the expenses of handling this
mail to the prisoners.

Sincerely yours,

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] stated that although he did not sympathize with or believe in the activities or actions of the Committee of Liaison or any other anti-war group, that his intense personal feelings towards the welfare of his son virtually demanded that he accept any correspondence from his son concerning his present health and welfare as a prisoner of war.

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[redacted] advised that in regard to contributions which he has donated to COLIFAM, he stated that although he disagrees emphatically with the principles of this organization and its methods of operation, that he felt a personal obligation to defray a portion of expenses which the committee had incurred in obtaining correspondence and directing correspondence to his son. He advised that although it was against his better judgment to offer these contributions, that his feelings towards his son's imprisonment are so intense and so personal, that he felt morally obligated to defray some expenses connected with the activities of the committee.

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[redacted] advised that he has never been contacted personally by any member of the committee, and they have not directed any personal correspondence to him regarding his son's imprisonment. At no time did they attempt to induce him or encourage him to act in any manner contrary to the laws of the United States. He advised that he is aware of the strong personal feelings which relatives of prisoners of war will feel, and that it is his belief that the committee is utilizing these intense personal feelings for political gain and its own benefit. However, he was at a loss to explain any other reasonable course of action which a relative might take toward activity where a son or a loved one is a prisoner of war.

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[redacted] advised that he is not aware or certain of any other person who has been contacted by this organization. He stated that he is aware of the existence of another group formed by relatives of prisoners of war which has no association with COLIFAM. This is known as the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in South East Asia. The state coordinator in New Jersey is Mrs. IRMA DAVIS, 8 Maple Court, Willingboro, New Jersey. [redacted] advised that he is not aware of the identity of any other person contacted by any other organization relative to the status of American prisoners of war.

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[redacted] again reiterated strongly that he does not desire any information that he has furnished to be used in any manner which might injure his son or create a difficult situation for him as a prisoner of war. He reiterated his previous statement that as a parent he will accept any mail from his son regardless of its means of transmittal.

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Date: 8/25/70

Transmit the following in _____

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Via AIRTELAIR MAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (100-5474) (P)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES
OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH
VIETNAM (COLIFAM)
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Re New York airtel to the Bureau, 6/9/70, and
 Louisville airtel to Boston, 8/13/70.

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and New York is
 one copy each of a list of 335 names alleged to be officially
 confirmed by Hanoi as prisoners held in North Vietnam as of
 4/30/70.

The list was received by Mrs. [REDACTED]
 Louisville, Kentucky, as an enclosure to a letter dated
 7/27/70, received from Mr. KEN KIRKPATRICK on letterhead
 of the American Friends Service Committee, Inc., Philadelphia,
 Pennsylvania. The letter also returned her letter to her
 husband, [REDACTED] with the indication that
 the North Vietnamese had not verified the fact that her
 husband was a prisoner of war. *VIETNAM*

Since the extent of investigation conducted in this
 matter is unknown, the lead value of the enclosed list is
 questionable and any leads set out on the basis of the
 enclosed are, therefore, being left to the discretion of the
 office or origin.

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 2 - Louisville (6)

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Special Agent in Charge

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[REDACTED] Relatives of both servicemen [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] have been located and interviewed.

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COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM
355 West 42nd Street, New York, N.Y. 10036 212-755-1490

The following 335 names have been officially confirmed by Hanoi to be prisoners held in North Vietnam; -- April 30, 1970 -- :

Alabama

Michael K. McCuistion, 71410, Montgomery
Herbert Benjamin Ringsdorf, FR75446, Elba
~~Ernest David Terrell, 3035168, Anniston~~ *see Ga.*

Arizona

Kyle Dag Berg, 3103302, Glendale
Jack Williamson Bomar, FV2251452, Mesa
Larry Edward Carrigan, 3119504, Scottsdale
Joseph Crecca, Jr., FR83481, Phoenix
Laird Gutterson, 26408, Tucson
Thomas Mack Madison, 2249519, Phoenix
Dennis Anthony Moore, 541532, Scottsdale
John Joseph Pitchford, Jr., FV2245522, Scottsdale
Lewis W. Shattuck, 3036821, Mesa
Jack H. Tomes, FR55155, Chandler
Charles Robert Tyler, 58050, Phoenix
Jack Linwood VanLoan, 65085, Tucson

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Arkansas

James Lasley Lomar, 1909733, Little Rock

California

Wilfred Keese Abbott, 3081739, San Diego
Everett Alvarez, Jr., 644124, Santa Clara
Anthony Charles Andrews, FR3146561, *State Chico*
Frederick C. Baldock, Jr., 666620, Lemon Grove
Robert W. Barnett, FR31021, Hawthorne
Cole Black, 504387, San Diego

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OTHERWISE

Michael Lee Buehler, FV3148700, Long Beach
Philip Neal Butler, 308, LaJolla
William Wallace Buehler, 3133430, San Rafael
Carl Dennis Chambers, FV3133401, Yuba City
Arvin Roy Chauncy, 614788, Lemoore
Claude Douglas Clower, 60547, San Diego
James Quincy Collins, 27908, Atherton
Michael Paul Cronin, 666052, Berkeley
~~Walter Wayne Dornell, 554745, Hayward~~ *see Kansas*
Edward Dale Estes, 605484, Lemoore
John Fer, 63523, San Pedro
Herbert Kelly Flesher, 32199, Sacramento
David Edward Ford, FV3122074, Sacramento
Henry Pope Fowler, FR3148574, Palo Alto
Charles R. Gillespie, Jr., 542951, Miramar
Collins H. Haines, 593915, San Diego
James Martin Hickerson, 561065, Lemoore
Harry Tarleton, Jr., 504424, Lemoore
Theodore Frank Kopelman, 507544, Lemoore
Carl William Lasiter, 66064, San Diego
Earl Gardner Lewis, Jr., 683095, San Diego
Alan Pierce Lurie, FR65266, Apple Valley
John Michael McGrath, 559291, San Diego
George P. McIlwain, 697713, Montrose
John B. McKamey, 614791, Lemoore
Edward Holmes Martin, 584587, Coronado
Raymond James Merritt, 44729, Colton
Edison Wainwright Miller, 054602, Santa Ana
Joseph Scott Mobley, 701867, Manhattan Beach
Ernest M. Moore, Jr., 553659, Lemoore
Richard Dean Mullen, 584925, LaJolla
John H. Nasmyth, Jr., FV3120117, South San Gabriel
Dale Harrison Osborne, 614229, ~~Kearney~~ San Diego
James Glenn Pirie, 614186, Lemoore
Leo T. Profilet, 506413, Palo Alto
Darrell Edwin Pyle, FV3145936, Santa Ana

Ronald Mark Lebert
FV 3176215, Rancho Conejo

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California (cont'd.)

David George Rehmann, 698502, Lancaster
Mendell Burke Rivers, 555144, Oxnard
David John Rollins, 633926, San Diego
Ray Russell, 563567, San Diego
Howard Elmer Rutledge, 506435, San Diego
Paul Henry Schulz, 616785, San Diego
Robert James Schweitzer, 571894, Lemoore
William L. Shankel, 664281, Jackson
Robert Harper Shumaker, 548955, LaJolla
Charles Everett Southwick, 544716, Cupertino
Charles David Stackhouse, 647984, Lemoore
John Edward Stevast, 52944, Claremont
Theodore Gerhard Stier, 669500, San Diego
Robert Lewis Stirm, FV3036919, Foster City
James Bond Stockdale, Coronado, 435624
Richard Allen Stratton, 602087, Monrovia Palo Alto
Gary L. Thornton, 700903, Porterville
Robert Paul Wideman, 680953, Westminster
Brian Dunstan Woods, 618063, Lemoore

*William Robert Stark
619808, Coronado*

See Ohio

Colorado

William David Burroughs, FR27184, Aurora
Jonny Allen Singleton, 64076, Greeley *See Texas*

Connecticut

Read Blaine ~~McGowan~~ ^{McGowan}, 678398, Old Greenwich

Robert Martsch 1 mus, 597366, Wilmington

Florida

Robert Martsch
Arthur Thomas Wilson
FR 3152442

Ralph J. Browning, FR78556, Orlando
~~John B. Branch, FR 30323442, Miami~~ *see Washington*
Gerald L. Coffee, 625308, Sanford
Kenneth Williams Cordier, 71351, Tampa
Carl Boyette Crumpler, 27705, Orange Park
John Howard Dunn, 059941, Jacksonville
John Stewart Finlay, III, 19805, Satellite Beach
Kenneth Fisher, 67431, Sebring
Robert Byron Fuller, 542942, North ~~Miami Beach~~ Jacksonville
Ralph Ellis Gaither, 586365, Miami
Danny E. Glenn, 668152, Jacksonville
David Fletcher Gray, Jr., 3158230, Tampa
Guy Dennis Gruters, 78680, Sarasota
Lawrence N. Guarino, 52573, Satellite Beach
Keith Norman Hall, FR61501, Fort Walton Beach
Thomas Renwick Hall, Jr., 682719, Pensacola
William Morgan Hardman, 625171, Center Hill
John Heilig, 667042, North Miami Beach
Robert Bruce Hinckley, 3145679, Fort Walton Beach
James Otis Hivner, 50815, Tampa
James Leo Hutton, 602748, Lakeland
Charles Negus James, Jr., 544080, Sanford
Richard Paul Keirn, A0935812, Tampa
Wilson Denver Key, 669207, Jacksonville
Vernon Payton Ligon, Jr., 33825, Melbourne Beach
John Sidney McCain, 624787, Orange Park
~~Glendon W. Perkins, FR3101454, Orlando~~ *→ Giles R. Nottingham, 690183*
Douglas Brian Peterson, FR54627, Marianna
Peter Van Schoeffel, 584717, Naples
Kenneth Adrian Simonet, 23521, West Palm Beach
~~Bradley D. Smith, 680780, Eagle Lake~~ *see Ohio*
Wayne Ogden Smith, FR80670, Dunedin
Thomas James Sterling, FR454758, Fort Walton Beach
Richard George Tangeman, 669370, Sanford
Dewey Wayne Weddell, 54772, Fort Walton Beach
Lewis Irving Williams, 694463, Tampa
James Faulds Young, FR46611, Hollywood

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~~Robert G. ...~~
Leon Francis Ellis, Jr., 3171537, Hull
Forster A. McEllyburton, 677514, ~~Doctar~~ Tucker
Leo Gregory Hyatt, 613540, Albany
Michael Christopher Lane, FV3134159, Atlanta
~~William Rodolph Nausington, 600103, Albany~~ see Fla.
Thomas Vance Parrott, FV3103992, Dalton
Orson G. Swindle, 078193, Camilla
~~Robert D. Parrott, 3135758, Atlanta~~

Hawaii

George G. McKnight, A03051289, Honolulu

Idaho

~~Edward James Chanley, 3147402, Dunlap~~ see Utah
Donald Glenn Waltman, FR53895, Kellogg
~~Thomas Joseph Dorrett~~

Illinois

Thomas Joseph Barrett, FV3120130, Lombard
~~John E. Forling, 69907, Chicago~~
John William Frederick, Jr., 082547, Tremont
Thomas F. Norris, 77071, Godfrey
Gary Richard Sigler, FV3157864, Table Grove

Jerry Donald Ericson,
69973, Hinsdale

Indiana

Richard Brenneman, FV3158661, Mishawaka
Robert Elliott Buchanan, 3148523, Austin
Ronald Edward Byrne, Jr., 278214, Kokomo
James Helms Kesler, FR24551, Indianapolis

Michael Thomas Brown,
3108907, Anderson

Robert John Knaghton, 646287, Sheldon
Larry Howard Spencer, 674085, Earlham

Kansas

Charles Graham Boyd, FR72601, Wichita

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Markham L. Gartley, 703644, Greenville

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James Franklin Bell, 515877, LaVale

Arthur William Burer, 3087646, Rockville

Hugh Allen Stafford, 614922, Cambridge

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Bernard Lee Talley, Jr. 3129281, Baltimore

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Frederick Raymond Purrington, 680259, North Dartmouth
Timothy Bernard Sullivan, 686505, Springfield
Paul Edward Tappan, FR68026, No. Falmouth

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Robert Archie Abbott, FR81453, Sawyer AFB
Willard Selleck Gideon, 3025283, Mt. Clemens
Martin James Neuens, FR98831, Iron Mountain
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John Walker Clark, 70474, Columbia
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Rodney Allen Knutson, 667751, Billings

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John Peter Flinn, 13760
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Thomas Nelson Row, 3175200, Columbus
Cayton Glenn Nini, 74953, Warrensville Heights

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Robinson Risher, 26905, Oklahoma City
Halbert Clifford Walker, Jr., 3145724, Tulsa

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Bereth Laverne Anderson, 682482, Kane
Arthur Neill Black, AF12666475, Bethlehem
John Douglass Burns, 613414, Paoli
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John Owen Davies, 3152430, Reading
Edward Anthony Davis, 658959, Leola
~~John Donald D. Doolittle, 65570, Canton 1st 27.~~
David Henry Duff, FV3057321, Canton
Glenn Leo Myers, 3181931, Pittsburgh
Jon A. Reynolds, FR68554, Bela Cynwyd
Mark John Ruhling, FV3139169, Piquette
Robert Ralston Sawhill, Jr., FR24101, Carnegie
Konrad W. Trautman, FV1909945, Steelton

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South Carolina

William Henwick Austin, II, 71588, Simpsonville
Bobby Ray Hagley, FV3034566, Sumter
Robert Scott Clair Fant, Jr., 653848, Anderson
~~John Thomas McRae, FR3151442, Lee's Summit~~
William Herley Means, Jr., 3058903, Sumter
Herschel Scott Morgan, 3057445, Sumter
Albert Edwards Runyan, FR49475, Sumter

South Dakota

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~~Ronald Glenn Roberts, FV2176015, MacArthur~~
Leo Keith Thorsness, FV3025937, Sioux Falls

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081476, Aberdeen

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Robert D. Peel, A03117963, Paris
Charles Nels Tanner, 588973, Covington
Raymond Arthur Vohden, 586702, Memphis

Texas

Elmo Cinnard Baker, 30626432, San Antonio
John Charles Blevins, 82666, San Antonio
Ronald Glenn Bliss, FR78537, Temple
Donald Ray Burns, FR27184, Mineral Wells
James Arlen Clements, FV3021015, Queen City
H.C. Copeland, 3015953, Austin
Thomas Jerry Curtis, 47752, Houston
Glenn H. Daigle, 667122, Corpus Christi
Robert Nolan Daughtrey, A03056891, Del Rio
George Robert Hall, 25106A, Waco
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~~Robert James Sandvick, 47755, Farwell~~
~~Thomas Gordon Storey, 73117, Austin~~
Ross Randle Terry, 622502, Lake Jackson
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Jose David Luna, 3122571, Roy

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James Robert Berger, PV3119212, Lexington
Allen Colby Brady, 542856, Virginia Beach
Fred Vann Cherry, 45554A, Suffolk
Michael Durham Christian, 673624, Virginia Beach
Kenneth Leon Coskey, 571080, Virginia Beach
Frederick Austin Crow, Jr., 28800, Hampton
Jeremick A. Denton, Jr., 485037, Virginia Beach
Dale Walter Doss, 591159
Kenneth R. Fleanor, FR27797, Richmond
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Eugene L. McDaniel, 602046, Virginia Beach
James Alfred Mulligan, 504324, Virginia Beach
Edwin Arthur Shuman, III, 584738, Virginia Beach
William Michael Tschudy, 660481, Virginia Beach
Richard Dale Vogel, FR49594, Hampton
Walter Eugene Wilber, 539459, Virginia Beach

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Michael Scott Kerr, 83644, Sequim
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James Richard Shively, FR78909, Spokane
Raymond Walter Vissotzky, 3006144, Veradale
Lawrence D. Writer, FV3156989, Olympia

West Virginia

William John Mayhew, 691368, New Manchester

Wisconsin

Daniel James Doughty, 3037760, Ladysmith
Frederic R. Flom, 3157103, Appleton
Gerald Lee Gerndt, 3163167, Suring
Donald Lester Heiliger, 55023, Madison
William John Metzger, Jr., 684859, Wisconsin Rapids

Kenneth Raymond Hughey, 31352

Belgium

~~Refugee Grant Newcomb, 3139931, Liege~~ see N.Y.

England

Robert R. Craner, FV3034313, ^{Freshfield} ~~Formby~~, Lancashire

Italy

Thomas Henry Kirk, Jr., 20794, Trieste

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE LOUISVILLE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 8/31/70	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 6/19 - 8/13/70
TITLE OF CASE COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY [REDACTED]
7-29-93 8-9803 7-29-93 8-9803		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - MISCELLANEOUS REGISTRATION ACT	

REFERENCE:

New York airtel to Bureau dated 6/9/70.
Louisville airtel to Boston dated 8/13/70.
Louisville airtel to Bureau and New York dated

8/25/70.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

All persons interviewed were advised that this investigation was being conducted at the specific request of Mr. J. WALTER YEAGLEY, Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.

It is noted information furnished in referenced

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New York airtel to Bureau dated 6/9/70, has been furnished to each Resident Agency within the Louisville Division with instructions to conduct appropriate inquiries in accordance with leads set forth for all offices. The results of negative inquiries have not been incorporated into the details of the attached report.

INFORMANTS:

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The source mentioned in the attached report is
Mr. [REDACTED] Louisville, Kentucky,
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA [REDACTED] Office: LOUISVILLE
Date: 8/31/70
Field Office File #: LS 100-5474 Bureau File #: 100-457899

Title:

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES
OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM
(COLIFAM)

Character:

INTERNAL SECURITY - MISCELLANEOUS
REGISTRATION ACT

Synopsis:

[REDACTED] wife of [REDACTED]
Prisoner of War (POW), received Information Sheet from
COLIFAM "which has been recently formed at the initiation
of the North Vietnamese". Information Sheet attached as
exhibit "B". [REDACTED] wife of POW [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] received four letters from husband enclosing
COLIFAM form letter. [REDACTED] wife of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] in contact with COLIFAM through letters
initiated by her and also with American Friends Service
Committee, Philadelphia, Penn., from whom she received
list of 335 POW's as of 4/30/70. List attached as exhibit
"L". Interviews with above persons and with other wives
and members of families of POW's and military personnel
missing in action indicates all contacts with COLIFAM
are on friendly, congenial basis. Of those wives of POW's
in contact with COLIFAM, none willing to testify.

DETAILS:

On June 19, 1970, a source furnished copies
of articles appearing in the Courier-Journal and Louisville
Times, daily newspapers published at Louisville, Kentucky.

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A review of these articles reveals the names of the following military personnel, who are Prisoners of War (POW) in North Vietnam. Also listed below are names and addresses of wives and known relatives of these military personnel. (Some of the names listed may be persons missing in action rather than prisoners of war):

Major ROBERT B. PURCELL

Mother, MARY B. PURCELL, 11905 LaGrange Road, Louisville; KY.

Wife, MARIAN P. PURCELL, 1107 King Arthur Road, Louisville, KY.

Major DEWEY SMITH

Wife, NORMA J. SMITH, 3711 Iron Horse Way, Valley Station, Kentucky;

Father, JOHN L. SMITH, address unknown.

Major CHARLES SHELTON

Wife, residing at 3007 Bon Air, Louisville.

Major DON E. WILLIAMSON

Wife, SARAH WILLIAMSON, residing at 3817 Burning Bush Road, Louisville; KY.

Parents, WILBUR E. WILLIAMSON and HELEN F. WILLIAMSON, 187 Westwind Road, Indian Hills.

Major BEN POLLARD

Wife, residing in Shelbyville, Kentucky;

Father and stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. LLOYD POLLARD, address not listed, but possibly residing in Shelbyville, Kentucky.

In addition to the above, the articles furnished by the source also mention another Kentuckian held as a prisoner of war by the name of MARKHAM L. GARTLEY. However,

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no information concerning him is listed and no address is recorded.

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Date July 30, 1970

[REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] furnished the following information:

She is the wife of [REDACTED] United States Air Force. She stated her husband is an Air Force pilot and his plane was shot down in June of 1967. She stated her husband has been a prisoner of war in North Vietnam since June, 1967. b7c

[REDACTED] stated she did not hear anything from her husband until February of 1968 when a group of United States prisoners were released by North Vietnam and stated her husband was possibly a prisoner. b7c

She stated her stepmother [REDACTED] Louisville, Kentucky, had written several letters attempting to locate her husband. She stated [REDACTED] wrote DAVE DELLINGER concerning [REDACTED] b7c

She said that the first contact she had with the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam was in a letter to [REDACTED] dated February 21, 1970, signed BARBARA WEBSTER. She said this letter requested [REDACTED] service number and details on his disappearance. b7c

She stated she did not furnish this information to the Committee, but did write a letter to them in an effort to locate her husband.

She stated the Committee called [REDACTED] sometime in April of 1970 and stated [REDACTED] name was on the latest list of prisoners they had. She stated she called the Committee on the following Monday and determined they had a letter from [REDACTED] She stated at this time she talked to CORA WEISS, Co-chairman. She stated she received a letter from the Committee, dated April 7, 1970, signed CORA WEISS and DAVE DELLINGER. She stated that approximately two weeks later she received a letter from her husband, dated December 9, 1969. b7c

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She stated she received a letter from the Committee of Liaison, dated May 15, 1970, and July 1, 1970. She stated she had written the Committee on a few occasions for information.

She stated she received a letter written May 2, 1970, received June 15, 1970, and a letter written May 12, 1970, was received June 30, 1970. She stated her husband indicated in his letters that he had received her letters.

b7c [REDACTED] stated the only contact she has had with the Committee of Liaison is one phone call and the above letters. She stated she has had no personal contact with the Committee. She stated she had not been asked for any contributions and had no pressure applied concerning the Committee.

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b7c [REDACTED] stated she would be willing to cooperate in any way concerning the Committee after her husband is released. She stated she does not want to do anything to jeopardize [REDACTED] safety or any other prisoners safety. She stated she does not wish to do anything to keep her from sending or receiving letters from [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The following exhibits received from Mrs. [REDACTED] are being attached to this report:

Exhibit "A" - Letter dated February 21, 1970, on Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (COLIFAM) letterhead, addressed to Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] and signed "BARBARA WEBSTER".
b7c

It is noted this letter enclosed an "Information Sheet" and contains the statement that "The enclosed Information Sheet explains the Committee of Liaison which has been recently formed at the initiation of the North Vietnamese".

Exhibit "B" - Information Sheet dated Jan./Feb. 1970 on COLIFAM letterhead.

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Exhibit "C" - Document on COLIFAM letterhead entitled "For Immediate Release"

Exhibit "D" - Letter dated April 7, 1970, on COLIFAM letterhead, addressed to [REDACTED] and signed by CORA WEISS and DAVE DELLINGER.
b7c

Exhibit "E" - Letter dated May 15, 1970, on COLIFAM letterhead addressed to [REDACTED] and signed "BARBARA WEBSTER".
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Exhibit "F" - Letter dated July 1, 1970, on COLIFAM letterhead addressed to [REDACTED] and signed "BARBARA"(WEBSTER).
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Date July 30, 19701

[REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] Louisville,
Kentucky, furnished the following information:

[REDACTED] stated that he is the father of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] United States Air Force. He stated his son,
DEWEY, was captured by the North Vietnamese on [REDACTED] b7c
1967, after his plane was shot down.

He said that he has had no direct communication
with his son since his capture. He stated that his
daughter-in-law, [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] Kentucky, has received letters from [REDACTED]

He stated that he did not know how she had gotten
these letters.

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[REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] stated he had never had any contact, in
person or in writing, with the Committee of Liaison with
Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam. He
stated he does not know anything about the committee.

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by SA [REDACTED] b7c Date dictated 7/24/70

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 Mrs. [REDACTED]
 Louisville, Kentucky, furnished the following information:

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 She is married and lives with her husband, [REDACTED]. She stated her husband is the father-in-law of [REDACTED] United States Air Force, who is a prisoner of war (POW) of the North Vietnam Government. She stated [REDACTED] Valley Station, Kentucky, is the daughter of her husband and the wife of [REDACTED] *b7c*

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 She stated that [REDACTED] was shot down over North Vietnam on [REDACTED] 1967, and was taken prisoner. She stated that since the time of [REDACTED] capture, she had written to several people, including United States Senators, in an effort to determine the condition and location of [REDACTED] *b7c*

She stated that in September or October of 1967, she read an article in Life Magazine describing a trip to North Vietnam by DAVE DELLINGER and his inspection of prisoner of war camps while there.

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She said she went to the Louisville Public Library, secured an address, and wrote to DELLINGER requesting help in locating and communicating with [REDACTED]. She stated that at the time she wrote DELLINGER, he was with a magazine called "Liberation" at 5 Beekman Street, New York, New York 10038. *b7c*

She stated she received a letter from "Liberation", dated January 20, 1968, and signed BARBARA WEBSTER, Secretary to DAVE DELLINGER. She stated that a copy of the "Liberation" was received with the letter of January 20, 1968. *b7c*

[REDACTED] stated she received a letter from "Liberation" signed BARBARA WEBSTER, and dated April 3, 1968. *b7c*

[REDACTED] stated she received a letter, dated

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by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 7/29/70 *b7c*

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February 21, 1970, from the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam. She stated she gave this letter to [REDACTED] since it was asking for information which she thought [REDACTED] should furnish if it was furnished. b7c

b7c [REDACTED] b7c stated she has received no further correspondence since the letter, dated February 21, 1970. She stated that she has never been personally contacted by a representative of the Committee of Liaison and has never had any pressure or coercion of any kind used against her by the Committee of Liaison.

E012912-2 [REDACTED] b7c stated that she would be willing to cooperate if her testimony is needed concerning the Committee of Liaison. She stated she would not testify or make any statement prior to the time of [REDACTED] release since she feared for his safety and the safety of other United States servicemen in custody of North Vietnam. b7c

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The following exhibits received from Mrs. [REDACTED] are attached to this report:

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Exhibit "G" - Letter dated January 20, 1968, on "Liberation" letterhead, addressed to [REDACTED] and signed "BARBARA WEBSTER, Secretary to DAVE DELLINGER".

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Exhibit "H" - Letter dated April 3, 1968, on "Liberation" letterhead addressed to Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] and signed "BARBARA WEBSTER".

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Exhibit "I" - Letter dated April 2, 1968, from DAVE DELLINGER concerning "Information For Relatives and Friends of Men in the Armed Forces Who Have Written Asking for Possible Assistance in Finding Out About Their Loved Ones, or In Getting Letters To And From Prisoners Of War."

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T [redacted] advised that she is the wife of [redacted] United States Air Force, who is a prisoner of war being held by the Viet Cong and has been since September 1965. She stated that she has not had any correspondence or heard from her husband since that time.

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1 [redacted] was unaware of the Committee of the Liaison with families of servicemen detained in North Viet-Nam and could not recall ever having been contacted by that committee.

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 [REDACTED]
 Louisville, Kentucky, advised that the only contact she has had with Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (COLIFAM) has been through the mail. She received a letter from her husband, [REDACTED] on Christmas Eve of 1969 through the normal mail, at which time reference was made to COLIFAM. This letter had one of COLIFAM's form letters in it and she was instructed in future correspondence with her husband to use their form. She feels that this expedites her letters to her husband. She has received no telephone calls or personal contacts from any representative of COLIFAM.

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 Mrs. [REDACTED] further advised that her husband has been a prisoner of war for the past five years. She has received three other letters from him which contained a similar COLIFAM form. She has also received one letter from her husband direct. She feels that the representatives of COLIFAM possibly contacted her husband since and furnished him with these forms to send to her.

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 Mrs. [REDACTED] further advised that she possesses no additional information regarding COLIFAM. In the event any information comes to her attention regarding COLIFAM she will immediately contact the FBI.

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 Mrs. [REDACTED] concluded by saying that her mother-in-law, Mrs. [REDACTED] is elderly and in poor health. She is in almost daily contact with her mother-in-law and she knows for certain that her mother-in-law has had no contact with this organization. She felt that if the FBI contacted her mother-in-law it might upset her and she was certain her mother-in-law could not furnish any information concerning COLIFAM.

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 Mrs. [REDACTED] also said that although she realizes that this organization possibly is a means for her to communicate with her husband and that she "did not knock it." She was questioned that if she received information concerning COLIFAM would she furnish it to the FBI and she answered in the affirmative.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA [REDACTED]

On July 13, 1970. [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] Shelbyville, Kentucky, stated that since the detainment of his son, [REDACTED] in North Vietnam, that he has received no communications or contacts from COLIFAM. Mr. [REDACTED] stated he believed the [REDACTED] of Greenland Park Sub-division, Shelbyville, Kentucky, had been in contact with some peace organization out of New York, but he thought it was some group such as the Quakers. b7c

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] is out of town, but she is expected to return to Shelbyville from California where she is visiting sometime after July 22, 1970. b7c

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Efforts were made to contact Mrs. [REDACTED] at Shelbyville on July 23 and 24, but she apparently has not yet returned from California. b7c

Mr. [REDACTED] also furnished copies of an Associated Press Wire photograph identifying Mrs. MADELINE DUCKLES of Berkeley, California, shaking hands with MARK GARTLEY of Greenville, Maine, and others at a meeting in Hanoi. b7c

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[REDACTED] Kentucky stated that her husband has been missing in action in North Vietnam for several years and is thought by the Air Force to be a prisoner of war in North Vietnam. However, no information has been received indicating that her husband is actually being held captive.

She stated that she and other wives of Air Force pilots missing in action get together frequently in Louisville and exchange information received regarding their husbands and often discuss and devise means by which they might obtain further information regarding their husbands. She stated that since she herself has not obtained any information one way or another indicating that **[REDACTED]** is either dead or alive, she has become desperate in attempting to obtain some source which might resolve the question as to whether her husband is even still alive.

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For the above reason she is not concerned with the politics of the prospective source and would even "deal with the devil himself" if the latter could furnish some positive information regarding **[REDACTED]**. She pointed out that the Air Force has been most courteous but has apparently exhausted all the means available to it in attempting to resolve the matter.

She stated that about one year ago she took it upon herself to telephonically contact the COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM with headquarters in New York City. She stated that she spoke with a woman who identified herself as CORA WEISS, thought by MRS. **[REDACTED]** to be the President of the above organization. MRS. **[REDACTED]** stated that she explained to WEISS her situation and WEISS was very courteous and understanding and advised she would do what she could in any effort to learn if **[REDACTED]** is still alive. Some months later WEISS called MRS. **[REDACTED]** and stated she had been unable to resolve the question, but if she did later obtain some positive information in this regard, MRS. **[REDACTED]** would be advised.

MRS. **[REDACTED]** stated that her telephonic contacts with

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WHISS were most pleasant and at no time has anyone else ever contacted her and harassed or cajoled her in any fashion.

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MRS. [REDACTED] did relate in one of her telephone conversations with WHISS that the latter appeared to be quite oriented to the position of the North Vietnamese government and criticized the United States for not proceeding with discussions in the Paris Peace Talks. WHISS stated that the United States was using the prisoner of war issue as a stumbling block in the Paris peace discussions.

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MRS. [REDACTED] stated that WHISS herself did not say that her organization was representing the Hanoi government in this country, but from discussions with other wives of Prisoners of War and from public news sources, she has gained the impression that it does.

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MRS. [REDACTED] stated that she would not testify regarding the above events for fear of reprisal against her husband by the North Vietnamese, that is, if he is still alive. She again pointed out that her contact with the above organization was entirely initiated by her, that they were kind and courteous to her and that for these additional reasons she would not appear against them.

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MRS. [REDACTED] stated that the only correspondence she has received from this organization was a form letter requesting background information which she returned.

[REDACTED]

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b2c Date August 12, 1970

[REDACTED]
 Louisville, Kentucky, was interviewed at her residence and advised that she is the wife of [REDACTED] who has been missing in action in Vietnam. She stated that she has heard of the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (COLIFAM), and that she has been in contact with them twice through letters. She stated that she first heard of this committee through some of the other wives of prisoners of war and men missing in action, and that she was told through the grapevine that if she sent a letter for her husband to them, they could probably deliver it to him. She said that she has never been contacted personally by this committee and that she has never spoken to any of their representatives. She said that the first time she wrote was around Christmas time, 1969, and that she addressed her letter in care of CORA WEISS. She said shortly after that she received a short note back from the committee acknowledging receipt of her letter. She said that she sent a letter to them which was to be delivered to her husband when a Mr. KEN KIRKPATRICK went to Hanoi, North Vietnam. She said that she then received a letter from Mr. KIRKPATRICK dated July 27, 1970, on the letterhead of the American Friends Service Committee, Incorporated, 160 North 15th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, which returned her letter to her husband and indicated to Mrs. [REDACTED] that the North Vietnamese had not verified the fact that her husband was, in fact, a prisoner of war. Also enclosed with the letter from KIRKPATRICK was a list containing the names of the 335 servicemen who are allegedly officially confirmed by the Hanoi government to be prisoners presently held in North Vietnam.

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 Mrs. [REDACTED] also furnished letter dated July 31, 1970, and signed BARBARA WEBSTER on the letterhead of the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam, which letter again was acknowledging that her letter to her husband had not been delivered by Mr. KIRKPATRICK, who had gone to Hanoi.

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 Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that she has never had anything delivered from her husband to her, nor, as stated

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above, has she been able to have anything, including letters, delivered from her to her husband through this committee. She said that she does not have any idea where the above committee gets their information or how they get their information. She said that the only other persons in the Louisville area, whom she knows to have been in contact with the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam are Mrs. [REDACTED] Mrs. [REDACTED] both of Louisville, and Mrs. [REDACTED] Kentucky. b2c

Mrs. [REDACTED] b2c stated that she was the one who initiated the correspondence between her and the committee, and that it was done after one of the wives had told her about COLIFAM and that she should write in care of CORA WEISS.

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Mrs. [REDACTED] b7c stated that she does not know at this time if she would be able to testify against this committee should it be necessary, in view of the fact that she is extremely interested in determining whether or not her husband is still alive and if he is in the hands of the North Vietnamese. She said that this committee apparently is trying to determine this for her, and although she does not go along with all of their ideas and statements, she would find it extremely difficult at this time to testify against them.

Mrs. [REDACTED] b7c furnished the Interviewing Agent with the originals of the above described letters and advised that she desired to have these letters returned to her after xerox copies were made.

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The following exhibits received from Mrs. [REDACTED] are attached to this report:

Exhibit "J" - Letter dated July 27, 1970, to "Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]" on letterhead of American Friends Service Committee, Inc., signed by KENNETH KIRKPATRICK.

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Exhibit "K" - Letter dated July 31, 1970, on COLIFAM letterhead to Mrs. [REDACTED] from BARBARA WEBSTER.

Exhibit "L" - Copy of list of 335 names officially confirmed by Hanoi to be prisoners held in North Vietnam - April 30, 1970.

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August 12, 1970

Date

Mr. [REDACTED] b7c
 Louisville, was interviewed at the home of his daughter-in-law, Mrs. [REDACTED]. He advised that he is the father of [REDACTED] who is missing in action in North Vietnam. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he has never been contacted or been in contact with the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (COLIFAM), and he has never tried to write to them. Mr. [REDACTED] said that he knew of no other families in the Louisville area who have been in contact with this committee. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that the only thing he knows of the committee is what he has read in the newspapers or what he has read in letters from the Air Force concerning his son and the committee. b7c

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1b7c Date August 12, 1970

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Mrs. [REDACTED]
Louisville, was interviewed at the home of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. [REDACTED].
She advised that she is the mother of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] who is missing in action in North Vietnam.
Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that she has never been contacted or
been in contact with the Committee of Liaison with Families
of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (COLIFAM), and b7c
she has never tried to write to them. Mrs. [REDACTED] said
that she knew of no other families in the Louisville area
who have been in contact with this committee.

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COMMITTEE OF LIAISON

with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam

365 West 42nd Street, New York, N.Y. 10036

(212) 765-1490

CABLE ADDRESS:

COLIAFAM

Co-chairmen:

Dove Dellinger
Cora Weiss

February 21, 1970

Treasurer:

Mrs. Anne Bennett

Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] L2
[REDACTED]
Louisville, Kentucky

Committee (in formation):

Rennie Davis
Rev. Richard Fernandez
*Maggie Geddes
*Steve Halliwell
Stewart Meacham
Prof. Bea Seitzman
Ethel Taylor
*Barbara Webster
*Trudi Young

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Williams:

You may remember writing to Dave Dellinger and myself during the last two years regarding your son-in-law, [REDACTED]. At that time we were sorry not to have been able to find out about him for you but are now in a position where we are very hopeful of being of help.

*staff

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The enclosed Information Sheet explains the Committee of Liaison which has been recently formed at the initiation of the North Vietnamese. As you will see, the North Vietnamese only have information on individuals who were shot down over the North. Since your original letters to Dave were carried to Hanoi I don't know whether [REDACTED] may be one of those held in the North rather than the South or Laos.

I would hope that by now you have had some word from or about him but if not, and if he was shot down over the North, we'd be very glad to try and get some information about him. To do so we need his service number and any details on his disappearance. We would then send a request in our next cable to Hanoi (we send cables about once a week).

With hopes that you have already heard from Dewey or, failing that, that we will be able to be of help in getting some word from or about him,

Sincerely,

Barbara Webster
Barbara Webster

CABLE ADDRESS:
COLIAFAM

Jan./Feb. 1970

Co-chairmen:
Dave Dubinger
Cara Weiss

INFORMATION SHEET

Treasurer:

Mrs. Anne Denacott

Committee (Information):

Rennie Davis

Rev. Richard Fernandez

Maggie Giddes

Steve Halliwell

Stewart Maccham

Prof. Ben Seitzman

Ethel Taylor

Barbara Webster

Trudi Young

Functions of the Committee

The Committee of Liaison will seek to facilitate communication between servicemen imprisoned in North Vietnam and their families in the U.S. Basically, the Committee will receive letters from servicemen and forward them to their families through the domestic mails. We will also forward letters to North Vietnam at the request of families. Families of missing servicemen are of course still free to send letters directly but should note the correct address for both letters and packages:

name of serviceman

serial number

Camp of Detention of U.S. Pilots

Captured in the D.R.V.

Hanoi, Democratic Republic of Vietnam

via Moscow, U.S.S.R.

Prisoners can receive one letter a month and one package (not over six pounds in weight) every other month; the Committee will not be forwarding packages. Letters sent to the COL to forward should be sealed, and should not have stamps affixed to them since letters are forwarded in packets. Stamps should be enclosed with the letters however.

In addition, the Committee will make requests to the North Vietnamese on behalf of families who do not know whether their missing relative is a prisoner in North Vietnam. We need to have the serviceman's service number, and information on when and where he was shot down in order to make an inquiry. If an individual is being held in North Vietnam, we would hope to receive back a letter from him to his family. If he is known to be dead or if the North Vietnamese have no information on him at all, we expect to receive that word from them. In any case we will contact the family concerned as soon as we received word. In this way we expect that, as Xuan Thuy (head of the North Vietnamese delegation in Paris) has said, gradually all families of prisoners held in North Vietnam will hear from their relatives.

Clarification

Two clarifications are in order: first, it should be noted that the Committee will be dealing solely with North Vietnam and will not have any information on men held in South Vietnam by the Provisional Revolutionary Government. Nor will we be able to provide information concerning men held in Laos by the Pathet Lao or in any other Southeast Asian country where U.S. troops and aircraft are presently involved.

Secondly, the COL will function entirely apart from the U.S. government. The government has frequently made it more difficult for the Vietnamese to be open to the concerns of American families by using the families' genuine desires as a propaganda ploy. The government has further attempted to provoke angry response from the Vietnamese by publicizing unsubstantiated and inflammatory testimony from released fliers; apparently, the government has decided to jeopardize existing communications and the possibility of future releases for the sake of propaganda aimed at prolonging the war. The North Vietnamese are well-aware that the U.S. government's claims of humanitarian concerns are contradicted by the well-documented policy of torture and brutality practiced on prisoners taken in South Vietnam by U.S. and Saigon troops.

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In addition to all these factors, there is the simple fact that the

resolution of the status of all the servicemen now held in North Vietnam waits ultimately upon a U.S. decision to end the war and withdraw all its forces and materiel.

Background

The Committee of Liaison has been established as an extension of past efforts at the request of the North Vietnamese. As on past occasions, the American peace movement is responding to a request by the Vietnamese toward opening communications between Americans and Vietnamese and is not in any sense representing the government of North Vietnam.

In the course of the Vietnam war, links have been built between the people of Vietnam and Americans who oppose the war through numerous meetings and conferences. These meetings are a matter of public record and have taken place in Europe, Canada, Cuba, and Southeast Asia and have included people from both the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (North Vietnam) and the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam (now part of the Provisional Revolutionary Government).

In these meetings the Vietnamese have always stressed a distinction between the U.S. government, which they hold responsible for the policy of war, and the American people, whom they believe still value the goals upon which this country was founded--independence, justice, freedom, self-determination. This same distinction is evident to those Americans who have visited North Vietnam and found that even though the nation is armed to defend itself, the people are encouraged by their government to believe that the American people are basically decent and humane.

It is in this context that the Vietnamese have indicated their basic confidence in the American people through the peace movement, which they believe embodies American ideals, rather than the government which flaunts them. In the past, the Vietnamese have asked the peace movement to receive U.S. servicemen--primarily pilots whose planes had been shot down--when the North Vietnamese government has decided to release them. On three separate occasions--February 1968, July 1968, and July 1969--representatives of the American anti-war movement have gone to Hanoi to return with released servicemen; on one other occasion an American peace activists went to Phnom Penh, Cambodia, to receive three released N.L.F. captives. Americans visiting Hanoi have frequently carried letters there at the requests of families, and have brought back letters from servicemen being held in North Vietnam. There have also been occasions when peace activists have met prisoners and talked with them there.

The Committee

The Committee of Liaison firmly believes that the safe return of U.S. prisoners in North Vietnam and the half-million others that the U.S. maintains in South Vietnam, Laos, Thailand, and aboard naval vessels--who can also be viewed as prisoners, prisoners of their own government since many have been sent to fight in a war against the dictates of their own conscience--can only come with a decision on the part of the U.S. government to completely withdraw from Vietnam. Because of this conviction, we who are serving on this Committee will continue our efforts to create popular pressure strong enough to force the government to withdraw.

As individuals Committee members are active in a variety of organizations and groups committed to ending the war: American Friends Service Committee, the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, the Conspiracy, Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam, Women Strike for Peace, the Fellowship of Reconciliation, Newsweek, Lawyers Committee on Vietnam, and Women Against Dirty Warbucks. The Committee of Liaison is entirely dependent on donations from individuals and organizations, and welcomes any gifts to sustain its work.

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Chicago, Jan. 15: In an unprecedented move, six anti-war activists announced today the formation of a Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam. The Committee will, according to Mrs. Cora Weiss, a co-chairman of the new group and a housewife from Riverdale, N.Y., "facilitate communication between servicemen held in North Vietnam and their relatives in the United States."

Specifically, "the Committee will receive letters from the captured American pilots," according to Mrs. Weiss, "and immediately forward them to the addressees. Also," she continued, "we will forward inquiries from families in the United States to the North Vietnamese authorities and they will attempt to confirm the status of their missing relatives."

According to Mrs. Weiss, "the North Vietnamese have agreed to send and receive one letter per month between airmen known to be held in North Vietnam and relatives in this country. Letters sent from the U.S.," she continued, "should be addressed to prisoner, serial number, Camp of Detention for U.S. Pilots Captured in the DRV, Hanoi, Democratic Republic of Vietnam, via Moscow, Soviet Union." Packages, Mrs. Weiss added, can be sent every other month and are not to exceed six pounds. Mrs. Weiss noted that the Committee will forward letters for the families to North Vietnam if requested by relatives to do so.

Dave Dellinger, the other co-chairman of the Committee and presently being tried on conspiracy charges in Chicago, outlined the background of previous prisoner releases to the American peace movement and said that "It is understandable that the North Vietnamese indicate their confidence in the American people through the peace movement in this way. We who are on this Committee," he continued, "firmly believe that the safe return of American pilots held in North Vietnam can only come from a decision on the part of the U.S. government to withdraw from Vietnam."

Mr. Dellinger decried the U.S. government for its ignoring the fate of thousands of prisoners in jails in South Vietnam who, with full knowledge and assistance of American personnel, are subjected to grotesque tortures, as has been frequently documented, most authoritatively by Congressman John Conyers and the Rev. Robert Drinan, Dean of Boston College Law School, in a recent survey of South Vietnamese prisons.

Another member of the Committee, Stewart Meacham, Peace Education Secretary of the American Friends Service Committee, said that "Lou Schneider of the AFSC has recently been given a packet of 69 letters in Hanoi from servicemen and those letters will soon arrive from Hong Kong in New York, and will immediately be sent to the addressees." Mr. Meacham said that "the 69 letters en route to the U.S. were written by 64 prisoners and the Committee can presently confirm the names of 182 airmen held by the North Vietnamese, or reported to be dead or unknown." Mr. Meacham emphasized that the list (available upon request) of 182 names was neither final nor comprehensive. He said that "While these names are known to us, there are undoubtedly others known to their families."

Other persons participating in the press conference included Rennie

Davis, a defendant in the conspiracy trial, the Rev. Richard Fernandez, Director of Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam, and Maggie Geddes and Trudi Young, staff members of the Committee.

In December 1969, Mrs. Cora Weiss and two other women, Ethel Taylor of Philadelphia and Madeleine Duckles of San Francisco, all active with Women Strike for Peace, came back from Hanoi with 138 letters from prisoners for Christmas. Mrs. Weiss said at the press conference that she had worked out the details for this Committee during this recent trip. Historically, the development of the Committee is unprecedented in time of war.

Other members of the Committee of Liaison not present at today's press conference include Mrs. Anna Bennett, Prof. Eas Seitzman, Steve Halliwell and Barbara Webster. The Committee's office is at 365 West 42nd Street, 2nd floor, New York, N.Y.

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Note: Since this release, 87 more letters from prisoners have been sent from North Vietnam for forwarding by the Committee.

Antiwar Group Seen As Liaison To U.S. POWs

NEW YORK (AP) — An office to arrange the exchange of mail between American servicemen imprisoned in North Vietnam and their families will open here today, a group opposed to the war announced yesterday.

The office carries the name of the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam, and its organizers are Mrs. Cora Weiss and David Dellinger.

Mrs. Weiss said the organization has had numerous contacts with families of prisoners. It hopes to aid. She said 50 letters from 40 servicemen, brought by hand to Hong Kong, were flown to Philadelphia Saturday, then mailed to the families.

She said the North Vietnamese had approved mail arrangements by which families could send one letter and one package of no more than six pounds each month to relatives held prisoners. Mrs. Weiss, president of the Women's Strike for Peace and a co-chairman of the New Mobilization to End the War in Vietnam, returned recently from a trip to Hanoi.

Dellinger is one of the seven defendants being tried in Chicago on charges growing out of the disorders during the 1968 Democratic National Convention.

Mrs. Weiss said North Vietnamese officials have agreed to "reply to the extent possible" to inquiries from families.

The office will be at 35 W. 42nd St., Mrs. Weiss said.

Foes of War Form Group to Forward Letters to P.O.W.'s

CHICAGO, Jan. 15 — Opponents of the Vietnam war announced today the formation of a committee to "facilitate communication between servicemen held in North Vietnam and their relatives in the United States."

At a news conference here, the founders said the Hanoi Government had agreed to work through the new committee, which is called Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam.

Mrs. Cora Weiss of Riverside, the Bronx, a housewife who is co-chairman of the committee, said Hanoi had agreed to send all mail from American prisoners of war to the committee,

which will have offices at 365 West 42nd Street in New York City. She said the committee would then forward the letters to the prisoners' families.

Mrs. Weiss, who spent two weeks in North Vietnam in December, said the North Vietnamese had also agreed to answer inquiries from families of missing men and would "attempt to confirm their status."

Mrs. Weiss said this was the first time the North Vietnamese had agreed to answer such inquiries. She said the committee hoped for reasonably prompt responses.

Mrs. Weiss outlined the procedures for such inquiries. She

said the family of any missing man could contact the committee's New York office and ask it to approach Hanoi.

She said the committee would send a telegram to North Vietnam, "assuming that Western Union will send our telegrams—we've had some trouble with that."

If the airman has been confirmed killed or is unknown to the North Vietnamese, Mrs. Weiss said, Hanoi will respond by telegram. If the man was injured or in a prison camp, she said, the North Vietnamese would attempt to get the man to write his family through the committee.

With regard to mail from men known to be held in North Vietnam, Mrs. Weiss outlined the procedure to be followed. She said North Vietnam had agreed to send and receive one letter a month between prisoners and their relatives in this country.

Letters from the prisoners are to be sent in bundles to the committee's offices and then forwarded from there to the families.

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Dear Mrs. [REDACTED] b7c

Our Committee has recently received official confirmation of 81 more servicemen being held in North Vietnam. By now you should have

heard that [REDACTED] b7c is on this list. The North Vietnamese have now confirmed through the Committee of Liaison a total of 335 men being held.

This notification also means that a letter is en route from him. The enclosed release explains how mail is forwarded via our office. Because mail from Hanoi is very slow we cannot be sure when the letter will come, but we will forward it as soon as it arrives here.

We are very pleased to be able to perform this service and hope that you will feel free to be in touch with us should you have any questions.

At the same time, we are continuing to work towards the immediate and complete withdrawal of all U.S. troops from Southeast Asia so that soon all families, American and Vietnamese, can be united again.

Sincerely,

For and with Dave Dellinger
Cora Weiss Dave Dellinger

P.S. Kindly excuse the mimeographed letter, but there are many families to reach at the same time.

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From: Rev. Richard Fernandez
To: The families of the 335 presently confirmed prisoners held in North Vietnam
Re: Information on correspondence with prisoners

On April 20th I returned from a three-week trip to Laos and North Vietnam. In North Vietnam I spoke with officials responsible for communication between pilots held in detention there and their families here. The following information was emphasized to me by the North Vietnamese authorities and we are anxious to make sure that you are aware of it:

- 1) The Vietnamese recommend that families use the air-letter form (enclosed) for correspondence.
- 2) Communication to pilots should be limited to matters of family and health.
- 3) Pilots are allowed to receive one letter per month and one package every other month (not over six pounds in weight).

Detention Camp authorities have said that they do not wish to receive several letters and/or packages per month for a given pilot from different members of the same family. Families should make arrangements for alternating letters each month if different members

want to write.

The North Vietnamese authorities indicated that, from this point forward, they will not feel responsible for forwarding letters and packages that do not adhere to the above.

If the letter form is mailed directly it can go in another envelope but the mail route, "via Moscow, U.S.S.R.," should definitely be included in the address. If letters are sent to the Committee of Liaison for forwarding please enclose but do not affix stamps as we send letters on in packets. The Committee cannot forward packages for families.

While I was in Hanoi, Prof. Douglas Dowd of Cornell University and I met with three pilots: Cdr. Robert Schweitzer of Lemoore, California; Cdr. Walter Wilbur of Virginia Beach and Lt. Col. Edison Miller of Santa Ana, California. The three men were in good health, and said they had daily exercise and reading material. The three pilots advised us that they had been getting letters and packages from their

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families, and asked that packages include toilet articles and canned foods. In particular they mentioned soap, shaving cream (no razors or blades), toothpaste, powdered milk and cream, instant coffee and non-melting candy. They said they do not need clothes.

Also, in my discussions with the Vietnam Committee of Solidarity with the American People, the Committee of Liaison's contact in North Vietnam, we confirmed that since December over 800 letters have been sent from Hanoi through the Committee of Liaison. Of those, 156 letters are still on their way from Hanoi to families here.

We hope that this information clarifies some aspects of correspondence for you. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Dear [REDACTED]

We held up sending you the enclosed memo so that we could answer your letter of April 21 at the same time. But that was delayed because we received 3 packages of mail (with a total of 205 letters) which we, or course, immediately forwarded on to the families, which takes a little time.

As you will see from the enclosed memo, the North Vietnamese strongly suggest that families write on the letter forms which we are sending. Different members of the family can write but we feel much care should be taken so that only one letter is sent each month. We can appreciate your feeling that one letter of six lines a month is not very much, especially if there are several people who would like to write, but we do feel that that is the best way to insure that he will receive mail regularly. You see, aside from other considerations such as their obvious concern for security, the detention camp authorities have the purely technical problem of having to translate all the letters they give the prisoners -- which is one reason they ask the families to cooperate with the guidelines mentioned in Dick Fernandez' memo.

Photographs can be sent, although we would suggest that no message be written on them other than identifying who is in the picture if necessary. From what some families have told us, photographs have been received -- both those sent in packages and in letters. We have not received guidelines on that one way or the other from the North Vietnamese.

Please do not hesitate to write again if you have other questions.

Sincerely,
Barbara Webster
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July 1, 1970

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Dear [REDACTED]

Our relationship with the North Vietnamese on the prisoner issue is a little complex -- basically, we are in touch with a citizens' group (Vietnam Committee for Solidarity with the American People), who are in turn in contact with the military authorities there. Another factor which mitigates against our getting involved in dealing with very specific questions such as yours is simply the difficulty in communication between the U.S. and North Vietnam (mail takes forever, cables are very expensive, the groups that have been going and will be going are not Committee of Liaison members and by and large don't discuss prisoner issues with the Vietnamese).

Therefore, I would suggest that you consider just sending the slide viewer (unless money is a problem-- I don't know how much they are). I think that the worst that could happen is the detention camp authorities would just not give it to him -- I can't imagine it would jeopardize your hearing from him or him from you. Or, if you don't mind waiting, you could try asking your husband in your next letter. I should think there is a possibility he might be able to get a response from the camp authorities.

Sincerely, .

Barbara

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January 20, 1968

[REDACTED] b7c
Louisville, Kentucky [REDACTED] EO 12812-2

Dear [REDACTED] b7c

I am terribly sorry we have not responded to your letters regarding your son-in-law before this. We are always so very busy that even under the best of circumstances letters take a long time to answer -- and in the past three months Dave Dellinger has been out of the country for long spells and then was ill for a time when he was here. He is currently out of the country again, due back this coming week. But I thought I would write you now to let you know that we do have your letters and very much hope we will be able to help in getting information about Dewey Smith.

We have communicated your request to our Vietnamese contacts by mail but it is most likely that we will get a response only if someone goes to Hanoi for a visit. The bombing of the North has been particularly heavy since November and all foreign visits were cancelled. There are at least two groups which are all ready to go as soon as arrangements can be made with Hanoi, which may be as early as February. In any case, as soon as anyone goes we will ask them to try and find out about your son-in-law.

In the meantime I am sending copies of Liberation under separate cover which contain Dave's reports of his visits to North Vietnam. Several Americans have talked with captured pilots but Dave and Nick Egleson are the only ones to have actually visited a POW camp. His account of that visit is in the May-June issue.

We sincerely hope we will be able to be of assistance to you in finding news of your son-in-law and, even more, that the war will soon be over so all husbands and sons can return to their families.

Sincerely,

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April 3, 1968

[Redacted]
Lexington, Kentucky [Redacted]

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Dear Mr. and Mrs. [Redacted]

Thank you for your kind letter of January 24th. I feel badly about not having responded before this but there was nothing new to add and we are always terribly busy.

Dave Dellinger has just written a fairly extensive memo on the news relating to prisoners of war in Vietnam and I am enclosing one for your interest.

As you may have seen in the papers, Franz Schurmann and John McCarthy went to Hanoi in February and we did send with them your inquiry about Dewey Smith. The next group will probably go in a month or so and would be glad to take letters to your son-in-law in the hopes we will get them.

Trips to Hanoi are quite expensive (about \$1,500 per person) and the money is always hard to come by but, although contributions are always very welcome, we certainly do not expect remuneration from the families of captured pilots.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Barbara Webster

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INFORMATION FOR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF MEN IN
THE ARMED FORCES WHO HAVE WRITTEN ASKING FOR POSSIBLE
ASSISTANCE IN FINDING OUT ABOUT THEIR LOVED ONES OR IN
GETTING LETTERS TO AND FROM PRISONERS OF WAR

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FROM DAVE DELLINGER

First of all let me say that I am touched more than I can say by many of the letters I have received and in any case am deeply moved by the plight of the men themselves and of those who love them and are separated from them under extremely painful and difficult circumstances. Unfortunately, as I am sure most of you realize, in most cases there is all too little that I or any other American can do to be of help. Before I discuss what may and may not be possible however, let me apologize for not being able to write each of you personally, promptly, and in adequate detail. I have literally been swamped by letters and phone calls. Even if I had no other work, I doubt if I could keep in proper touch with all those who have written but unfortunately, my work requires that I travel a great deal and, particularly when I am out of town there is often a gap between the time your letter arrives and the time I am able to read it, let alone answer it. However, if there is anything that can or should be done in my absence, my associate, Barbara Webster, makes sure that it is taken care of promptly. Because I don't like to keep you in suspense in a matter as heartrending as that which has occasioned your letter and because I am ashamed already to have kept a number of you waiting far too long, I have finally decided to write this memo, which Barbara can send out at once to everyone. Whenever possible we will write you individually as well, and will certainly do so if at any time we have more precise information that applies to you personally. If you do not hear from us it is because we have nothing more specific to ask, but be assured that we are doing everything in our limited power to get your inquiry into the hands of the proper Vietnamese, or your letter into the hands of your relative or friend.

Now, as to what can be done, what probably can't be done, and the things that I am presently unclear about, let me write as accurately as I possibly can and hope that I do not understate or overstate the case.

GENERAL RELATIONSHIPS AND PRISONER RELEASES

I myself have visited Hanoi twice, once in October-November 1966 and once in May-June 1967. Sometimes as long as six months go by without a visit by an American journalist or member of the anti-war movement and sometimes there is a trip every month or six weeks. In addition to these trips, I and a number of other members of the anti-war movement have intermittent contacts with North Vietnamese and members of the National Liberation Front in Paris, Prague, Havana or in various other cities on occasions when international conferences of one kind or another take place. In all such contacts, both the N.L.F. and representatives of North Vietnam (the Democratic Republic of Vietnam) stress that their opposition is to the "war-making U.S. government" and not to the American people. In particular they are

very friendly to people who are opposed to the war, whom they consider to be the true representatives of American ideals and of the democratic and peace-loving American people. I say this not to weigh the accuracy of their beliefs or to try to appraise all the probably complicated reasons for their friendliness to the anti-war movement, but to indicate the hopeful side of our attempts to intercede with the Vietnamese in behalf of men captured in Vietnam. In line with their general attitude, the N.L.F. has twice released prisoners "to the American peace movement." (In 1965 and again in November 1967.) The D.R.V. released three captured pilots to representatives of the anti-war movement in February of 1968.

On the more difficult side of things, the Vietnamese are horrified by what they consider to be a war of imperialist aggression by the United States government and in particular, I judge from my contacts that, however hard they try to live up to their belief that the individual is not the enemy, they find it extremely difficult to "excuse" those who have bombed their cities or attacked their villages. When I spoke with Ho Chi Minh in Hanoi, he took a dual approach. On the one hand, he stressed the anguish of all Vietnamese at having their cities bombed, their wives, husbands, parents, children or friends killed and wounded. On the other hand, he surprised me by expressing great sympathy with and compassion for those Americans who, as he sees it, have been either brainwashed by their culture or conscripted by the Armed Forces, into fighting in Vietnam. He said over and over that North Vietnam desires no revenge or punishment but only an end to U.S. attempts to control Vietnam.

In our contacts with American prisoners, we have found that a number of them were threatened or struck by angry peasants, when they parachuted down or were separated from their unit, but were protected and well treated and cared for as soon as the militia or other representatives of the government took them under control. On my second visit I was allowed to visit a prisoner-of-war camp in Hanoi and to talk freely and at length with two of the prisoners. I always distrust such situations, no matter who the captor or captive is, because I know that the situation is highly artificial and that, even with the best of intentions, a prison is a prison. Willy nilly the prisoner is under extreme psychological pressure, just from the fact that it is a prison, that he is dependent upon his keepers, is separated from his loved ones etc. So I do not want to overstress what I saw or was told (by either the Vietnamese or the U.S. prisoners) but everything that I did see and hear was encouraging. Housing conditions in this particular prison were comfortable and sanitary; the prisoners spoke and acted as if they were in good mental health, and said that they knew of no torture or brainwashing. Incidentally, one of the difficulties I have run up against when talking to representatives of the N.L.F. and the D.R.V. is that they are acutely aware of the torture and beatings of N.L.F. prisoners captured by the U.S. and Saigon allies.

(I have written at greater length of my visit to the Hanoi prison camp in the May-June 1967 Liberation and will be glad to send you a copy if you desire. I am not sending it out routinely because in the article I tell of other things that I saw and express my opposition to the war, and I don't want to seem to force my political viewpoint on you or add

to your anguish.)

Also on the negative side of things, the N.L.F. held off on further release of prisoners for two years after its first release, because the two released men, Smith and McClure, were whisked away by the U.S. Command to Okinawa, held incommunicado for many weeks, and finally released under threat of being charged with having given "aid and comfort to the enemy" during their imprisonment; if they made any public statements about the war or about the conditions of their imprisonment. Similarly, after discussions with the D.R.V. had led them to tell us that they would release three to six prisoners in August 1967 as an act of humanitarianism and as a friendly gesture to the American people they cancelled these releases because of what they called "inhuman bombing of Hanoi and Haiphong" which began during the very period when the releases were planned. In particular they were afraid that a release coming at the time of American bombing escalation would be falsely interpreted as a "sign of weakness" and a willingness on their part to negotiate a loss of their sovereignty and independence. When they finally released three prisoners, in February, they told our representatives (Father Dancil Berrigan and Prof. Howard Zinn) that this was a non-political act of humanitarianism associated with their Tet or Vietnamese New Year, for which they asked nothing in return. However, they did release the prisoners to the American peace movement and were understandably disappointed when U.S. Ambassador Sullivan boarded the International Control Commission plane at Vientiane, Laos, and told the men that the matter had been discussed in the White House and at the highest military levels and that instead of returning to the U.S., as planned, on an ordinary commercial flight with Father Berrigan and Prof. Zinn, they should board an Army plane for Thailand (going to one of the bases from which bombers take off for Vietnam) and thence, by military plane, to the U.S. (Howard Zinn discusses this and other questions relating to this prisoner release in The Nation of April 1. Copies of that issue can be obtained from The Nation, 333 Sixth Avenue, New York City, for 50¢.)

LETTERS AND INQUIRIES ABOUT MISSING PERSONNEL

Trips to Hanoi are erratic and uncertain. In November 1967 four U.S. students who had been granted visas by Hanoi got as far as Phnom Penh, Cambodia, and then were turned back because the intensive bombardment of North Vietnam made the visit impractical. They were carrying letters for and inquiries about U.S. prisoners. They gave the letters to the North Vietnamese in Phnom Penh, and we assume they were delivered to Hanoi. We have received no answer to the inquiries. Prof. Zinn and Father Berrigan left New York on January 31, 1968 and arrived in Hanoi on February 9th. They gave letters and inquiries to the Vietnam Peace Committee and were assured that the letters would be delivered and the inquiries passed on to the proper authorities. As in all visits by Americans, they brought back a number of letters from prisoners, which they mailed on their return to this country on February 19th. They brought back no answers to the inquiries. On the one hand they were in Hanoi only a week; on the other hand, there are some indications that the Vietnamese may consider it a matter of

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military policy not to reveal how many prisoners they have or what their names are. Many of us have urged them to release this information, for humanitarian reasons, but this may be one of the places where our advice as anti-war Americans is overruled by other, Vietnamese considerations. Or perhaps we will receive an answer to the inquiries some day, any day. I hesitate to predict, but we will continue to forward such inquiries to them and to let them know how helpful it would be, from our point of view, for them to answer in any cases where they do have information.

Prof. Franz Schurmann of California University at Berkeley left New York on March 10th and took all letters and inquiries that I had received by that date. When he and Mary McCarthy, the writer, return from this trip they will undoubtedly bring letters which will be mailed at once. If they have any additional information relevant to your concern I will get it to you right away.

Future trips will continue to be unpredictable but there is a possibility of one or two trips in the next two months, plus the possibility of contacts with North Vietnamese in Europe, who may then return to their homeland. I think that if I had a relative in prison over there I would use both channels--regular mail and the erratic, unpredictable route of the anti-war movement. To the best of my knowledge regular mail goes by way of China and takes a very long time. It also is unpredictable. Remember North Vietnam is torn up and under day and night bombardment. It can take weeks, perhaps months, to get to out-of-the-way places, which may mean to some of the prisoner camps. In addition, the train or truck or bicycle or peasant carrying the mail may be blown up, preventing delivery. Except in the case of prisoners housed in Hanoi, this problem remains, whether the mail is sent by regular post or is hand delivered in Hanoi.

I hope that you take this for granted, but send your letters sealed. Naturally I have no guarantees that the Vietnamese won't open them -- to the best of my knowledge that is customary in all prisons all over the world. But they will travel better in sealed envelopes and none of us wants to intrude on your privacy.

I hope that this covers the main areas about which you have questions and about which I have even tentative information. Please do not hesitate to write if there is some other way in which you think I might be able to be of assistance. And, as I indicated at the beginning, please forgive me if sometimes it takes me a little longer to answer than seems right.

April 2, 1968

Liberation
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July 27, 1970

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Dear Mrs. [REDACTED] E012812-2

I deeply regret that it was not possible for me to deliver the enclosed as you had requested when I went to Hanoi in June 1970. I was told in Hanoi by Mr. Tran Trong Quat of the Vietnam Committee for Solidarity with the American People that that Committee has compiled a list of 335 American servicemen who it says are held in detention camps in North Vietnam. (See attached list.) This Committee does not have responsibility for the administration of camps of detention in North Vietnam, but is the committee which invited me to visit Hanoi. Mr. Quat would accept from me only those letters which were addressed to persons on the list of 335. This is the same list which was turned over to the Committee of Liaison last April.

Mr. Quat informed me that the North Vietnam authorities have no information regarding Americans who have been captured in areas outside North Vietnam. In other words, although the name of a person who is believed to have been shot down over Laos, Cambodia, China or South Vietnam does not appear on the North Vietnam list of 335, this does not mean that that person has not survived. It only means that according to the North Vietnamese he is not a person known to them or held by them and that they, therefore, cannot deliver letters or packages to him.

Regarding those reportedly shot down over North Vietnam the refusal of Mr. Quat to accept letters for delivery because their names are not on the list of 335 implies, of course, a more somber situation, but I learned nothing more specific than that as to any particular individual.

My recent trip to Southeast Asia took me both to Hanoi and to Saigon. Both in North Vietnam and in South Vietnam, as well as here in the United States, one cannot help but see how this war has brought tragedy and sorrow into the lives of all affected by it, Americans and Vietnamese alike.

Again let me express my sincere regret that I was not able to deliver the enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth Kirkpatrick
Peace Education Secretary
AFSC
814 N.E. 40th Street
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July 31, 1970

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

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After writing you on June 8th we received word that the North Vietnamese had accepted only letters for the 335 men who are officially confirmed to be prisoners. The occasion was a trip to Hanoi by Ken Kirkpatrick, of the American Friends Service Committee, who had taken with him over 700 letters from families. We wanted to wait until Ken returned to this country so we could talk with him; hence the delay in our writing to you and regretfully returning the enclosed.

While there has been no statement from the North Vietnamese that the list of 335 is the total number of men they are holding, it is our feeling that it is very close to -- may even be -- the total. Should we ever receive specific information about your husband we will of course let you know right away.

Sincerely,

Barbara Webster
Barbara Webster

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George P. McIlwain, 697713, Montrose
John B. McKamey, 614791, Lemoore
Edward Holmes Martin, 584587, Coronado
Raymond James Merritt, 44729, Colton
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 David John Rollins, 633926, San Diego
 Ray Russell, 563507, San Diego
 Howard Elmer Rutledge, 506435, San Diego
 Paul Henry Schuff, 616785, San Diego
 Robert James Schweitzer, 571894, Lemoore
 William L. Shankel, 664231, Jackson
 Robert Harper Shumaker, 548955, LaJolla
 Charles Everett Southwick, 544716, Cupertino
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Louisville, Kentucky
August 31, 1970

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OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM
(COLIFAM)

Character INTERNAL SECURITY - MISCELLANEOUS
REGISTRATION ACT

Reference EO 12812-2 Report of SA [REDACTED] dated
August 31, 1970, Louisville, captioned as above. b7c

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 REGISTRATION ACT
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Re HO airtel, 8/25/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of a LHM
 setting out additional information furnished by Mrs. [redacted]
 Houston,
 Texas. Two copies of this LHM are being enclosed for New
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Mrs. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Houston, Texas, furnished the following additional information:

She advised she had found the slip of paper that was given to her by the man who claimed to be with a Quaker Organization.

E012812-2 This slip of paper contained the name STEWART MEACHAM, telephone number 215-LO-4-1914. It was indicated that MEACHAM was with the American Friends Service Committee, Philadelphia.

Xerox copies of this slip of paper were made and the original returned to Mrs. [REDACTED] b7c

A copy of this paper is attached:

On 8/25/70 at Houston, Texas File # HO 105-2693
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by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 8/25/70

Stewart Meacham
N - 404-1914
AC-215

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Philadelphia

Meacham's office

82 letters entrants
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ADMINISTRATIVE.....

RE NYTEL TO BUREAU AND SAN FRANCISCO, JULY TWELVE, E012812-2
LAST, CAPTIONED [REDACTED] AND NYTEL TO BUREAU AND
SAN FRANCISCO, JULY NINE, LAST, CAPTIONED, [REDACTED]

SOURCE MENTIONED IS NEW YORK [REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] X u

EXTREME CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN IN UTILIZATION OF THIS b7c
INFORMATION [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] X u

NYO WILL FOLLOW THIS MATTER CLOSELY THROUGH NEW YORK
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FRANCISCO REGARDING HEMBLEM.

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CORR PAGE ONE FIRST LINE OF TEXT LAST TWO WORDS "SOURCE ADVISED"

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI(100-457899)

DATE: 9-2-70

FROM : SAC, HOUSTON (105-2693) RUC

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH
FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED
IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)
IS - MISCELLANEOUS
REGISTRATION ACT
(OO:NY)

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LATE 29-93

RE: SA let to Bu, 8-27-70.

Referenced letter enclosed to the Bureau and New York a list of Air Force prisoners of war or Air Force personnel missing in action, and enclosed for Houston pertinent pages from that list reflecting the following names and addresses of next of kin residing in the Houston division's territory:

[REDACTED]
Houston, Texas

[REDACTED]
Houston, Texas

[REDACTED]
Texas

[REDACTED], Texas

[REDACTED]
Houston, Texas

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2-New York(100-168469)(RM)
1-Houston

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Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Texas

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Mrs. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Houston, Texas

Mrs. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Houston, Texas

Mrs. [REDACTED]

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Houston, Texas

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Mrs. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Texas

Mrs. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Houston, Texas

Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Texas

Mrs. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Houston, Texas

b7c

Mrs. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Texas

[REDACTED] b2c
[REDACTED] Texas

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b7c b2c
A review of Houston indices reflect that Mr. [REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED] all above, have been interviewed concerning this matter and the Bureau and New York advised of the results thereof.

Houston indices contain no information reflecting any of the other individuals listed above have been contacted by the COLIFAM and/or its members. Accordingly, Houston is not interviewing any of the above-listed individuals and is taking no further action relative to this matter.

FBI

Date: 8/31/70

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)
FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (100-30385) (P)
SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES
OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN
NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)
IS - MISC
REGISTRATION ACT
OO: NEW YORK

Re New York airtel to Bureau, 6/9/70, and Los Angeles letter to Bureau, 7/13/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven (11) copies, and for New York, three (3) copies of an LHM concerning captioned matter.

The LHM is classified "CONFIDENTIAL" in view of the request of interviewee to protect the information for fear of retribution on her son who is a POW in Hanoi.

Investigation is continuing at Spokane, Washington, to locate and interview one additional family with whom contact has reportedly been made by captioned group.

- 2 - Bureau (Enc 11) (RM)
- 3 - New York (100-168469)
(Enc 3) (RM)
- 2 - Seattle

AGENCY: ACSI, ONI, OSI; SEC. SEC.

DATE: 9-2-70, RAO, ISD

DATE FORW: 9-2-70

HOW FORW: 9/5

BY: [REDACTED]

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Approved: [REDACTED]
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

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LEAD

SEATTLE
At Spokane, Washington

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[REDACTED] Will promptly report results of interview with Mrs.
[REDACTED] Spokane, concerning whom
information was set out in telet from Los Angeles.

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OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH
VIETNAM (COLIFAM)

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letter, in turn, had been enclosed in a large white plain envelope which was postmarked San Francisco and addressed to Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] Washington. b7C

On the reverse side of this envelope was the return address of AFSC 160 N. 15th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. b7C Mrs. [REDACTED] was so elated to hear that her son was alive and to receive a letter, that she contacted this agency at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and spoke with someone back there to express her thanks. The party said that a group of people had been to Hanoi and recently returned to the United States; MADELINE DUCKLES of Berkeley, California, had actually brought back her letter, and upon arriving in San Francisco, it was mailed to her.

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Mrs. [REDACTED] said that she has received a total of five letters and one postcard from her son. The letters are addressed to her husband and herself and to her son's "favorite fiance." She explained the favorite fiance is actually her son's wife, who is presently living with Mrs. [REDACTED] in Olympia. Cpt. WRITER apparently does not wish his North Vietnamese captors to know that he is married.

Following the first letter, all subsequent communications have been mailed from New York and contain a cover letter bearing the letterhead of the COLIFAM. They have been either signed by CORA WEISS or some other officer of the COLIFAM. None of these letters contain any threats or promises or requests for money. Mrs. [REDACTED] said she has never been contacted personally by any individual representing this committee. She said that she sends her mail to her son, in accordance with the address given out by COLIFAM. She said that her son has never written directly to his wife. Her son's letters indicate that he has received several packages from his mother.

Mrs. [REDACTED] said there are two other pilots in the Olympia area, who are missing over Vietnam, but that their parents and relatives have never received any word concerning their existence, nor have they been contacted by COLIFAM.

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OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH
VIETNAM (COLIFAM)

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Mrs. [REDACTED] said that she maintains close liaison with these
parents because of their mutual problem. Mrs. [REDACTED] said
that her [REDACTED] was shot down at the same time as [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] U. S. Air Force, who was subsequently released
and has since contacted her concerning her son.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

DATE: 9/4/70

FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (100-14050) P

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH
FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN
DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)
IS - MISC; REGISTRATION ACT
OO NY

Re San Antonio letter to Bureau 8/27/70.

Referenced communication forwarded to the Kansas City Office a list of Air Force prisoners of war or Air Force personnel missing in action in Vietnam whose immediate relatives reside in the Kansas City Division. This list was obtained from the U. S. Air Force Military Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base.

There are approximately 50 names on this list. All of them are being indexed by the Kansas City Office, however, the Kansas City Office is planning to interview only those persons on the list whose relatives are listed as prisoners of war. Results of these interviews and interviews of the persons previously furnished by the New York Office will be forwarded to the Bureau in a form suitable for dissemination.

DATE 7-29-93 BY 9803

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

DATE: 9/3/70

FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (100-30385) (P)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH
FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED
IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)
IS - MISC
REGISTRATION ACT
OO: NEW YORK

Re San Antonio letter to Bureau, 8/27/70, setting out names of 31 families in the State of Washington who have sons missing in action or who are POWs.

Handling of interviews in depth with these 31 families would require the services of several agents and the consumption of considerable time. In the absence of information to indicate any or all of these 31 families are actually in contact with COLIFAM, no attempt will be made to interview them, UACB.

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COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH
FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN
DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)
IS - MISCELLANEOUS
(REGISTRATION ACT)

ReSElet, captioned as above, dated 9-3-70.

In view of the Department of Justice request concerning the activities of COLIFAM, it is imperative that interviews be conducted with families of those individuals listed as prisoners of war (POW's).

However, it will not be necessary to contact families or relatives of those military personnel listed as missing in action.

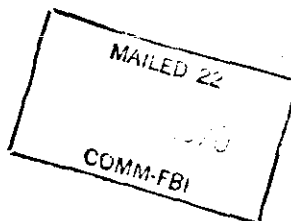
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NOTE:

The Department of Justice has requested information relative to activities of COLIFAM. Seattle advised that unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau no interviews will be conducted in the absence of an actual contact by COLIFAM. Above instructions necessary to assure that information requested will be furnished to the Department.

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Sullivan _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Brennan, C.D. _____
Callahan _____
Casper _____
Conrad _____
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

DATE: 9/3/70

FROM : SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (100-3655) P

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH
FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN
DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM
(COLIFAM)
IS - MISCELLANEOUS
REGISTRATION ACT
OO: NEW YORK

Re New York airtel, 6/9/70; Dallas airtel, 8/20/70;
and San Antonio letter, 8/27/70.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are five copies and
for New York two copies of an LHM regarding captioned matter.

Albuquerque indices are negative regarding captioned
matter.

There are no known active members of COLIFAM in the
Albuquerque territory and no known press releases have been
made regarding this matter.

Confidential informants contacted with negative
results and as mentioned in the enclosed LHM are as follows:

[redacted] contacted 7/14/70, by

SA [redacted]

[redacted] contacted 7/7/70, by

SA [redacted]

[redacted] contacted 7/28/70, by

SA [redacted]

[redacted] contacted 7/6/70, by

SA [redacted]

[redacted] contacted 7/8/70, by

SA [redacted]

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- 2 - Albuquerque

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[REDACTED] contacted 7/8/70, by

SA [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] contacted 7/8/70, by

SA [REDACTED]

The Albuquerque Office will interview relatives of Air Force personnel residing in the Albuquerque territory believed to be either prisoners of war or missing in action as set forth in referenced San Antonio letter 8/27/70. Interviews will be conducted in accordance with instructions set forth in re New York airtel, 6/9/70.



In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Albuquerque, New Mexico
September 3, 1970

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH
FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN
DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM

Confidential informants familiar with the Communist Party, New Left, and related organizations, who have furnished reliable information in the past, were contacted in July, 1970, with negative results for any information regarding the captioned matter.

During July and August, 1970, the following were contacted and advised they had no information regarding the captioned matter and knew of no servicemen or relatives thereof who had been contacted by the captioned group:

[REDACTED] OSI,
Kirtland Air Force Base,
Albuquerque, New Mexico

[REDACTED]
501st MID,
Defense Atomic Support Agency
Sandia Base, Albuquerque, New Mexico

E012812-2 [REDACTED]
112th MID, Region III,
Albuquerque, New Mexico

[REDACTED]
U. S. Naval Intelligence
Albuquerque, New Mexico

[REDACTED]
Naval Recruit Station
Albuquerque, New Mexico

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COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN
NORTH VIETNAM

[REDACTED] b7c
Marine Corps Recruit Station
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Mr. [REDACTED] OSI
Holloman Air Force Base
Alamogordo, New Mexico b7c

E012812-2 Mr. [REDACTED]
Family Services Unit
Holloman Air Force Base
Alamogordo, New Mexico

Mr. [REDACTED] - b7c
Special Agent, OSI
Cannon Air Force Base
Clovis, New Mexico

[REDACTED] - b7c
White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE DENVER	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 9/4/70	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 8/4 - 11/70
TITLE OF CASE COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY [REDACTED]
		CHARACTER OF CASE IS - MISCELLANEOUS REGISTRATION ACT	

REFERENCE:

New York airtel to the Bureau dated 6/9/70. MIA-POW Special
9803 [REDACTED] 9803 [REDACTED] 4-6-93
- P - 2-29-93

LEADS:SAN ANTONIO DIVISIONAT RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS #220,673

Contact Office of USAFMPC where a Colonel (FNU) LUTHER and Officer (FNU) GRATCH have been in charge, for information that said office, which maintains contact with families of Air Force POW's, may have informed POW wives to utilize services of COLIFAM.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE	ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES			
								PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
								PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
APPROVED						SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
COPIES MADE:							100 457899 -108 REC-48	
1-Bureau (100-457899)(RM)								
2-New York (100-168469)(RM)								
2-San Antonio (RM)								
3-Denver (100-10142)								
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Dissemination Record of Attached Report						Notations		
Agency	CSI, ACSUCIA, OAL, STATE, RAO, ISD, SEC SER.							
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Date Fwd.	9-11-70							
How Fwd.	S/S							
By	[REDACTED]							

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Also determine if that office may possess information that POW families have been pressured by COLIFAM to furnish statements condemning U. S. policy in Vietnam in return for information or letters from POW's.

DENVER DIVISION

AT COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO:

Will through Ent Air Force Base, attempt to located Mrs. [REDACTED] whose husband, [REDACTED] is a POW in North Vietnam. b7c

If located, will interview Mrs. [REDACTED] in accordance with leads in referenced airtel. b7c

AT DENVER, COLORADO:

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Will interview [REDACTED] Lowry Air Force Base. Information from Mrs. [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] while recently at Maxwell Field, Alabama, worked with wives of POW's. [REDACTED] reportedly learned of one POW wife who was required to sign propaganda before receipt of a letter from her husband in North Vietnam. b7c
b7c

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: [REDACTED] b2c
Date: September 4, 1970

Office: DENVER

Field Office File #: 100-10142

Bureau File #: 100-457899

Title: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF
SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - MISCELLANEOUS;
REGISTRATION ACT

Synopsis:

ED 12812-2
Denver, Colorado, resident, [REDACTED] b2c furnished copies of correspondence by COLIFAM, one of which states the Democratic Republic of Vietnam has decided to use COLIFAM as a channel for communication between Prisoners of War (POW) and their relatives in the United States. Mrs. [REDACTED] b2c wife of Air Force pilot missing in action over North Vietnam since September, 1966, wrote COLIFAM in April, 1970, for information on her husband; COLIFAM acknowledged the letter but has not furnished any report on Mrs. [REDACTED] b2c husband. Mrs. [REDACTED] b2c acting on suggestion of U. S. Air Force Officer at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, furnished letter for her husband to Mr. KENNETH KIRKPATRICK of the American Friends Service Committee who visited Hanoi in June, 1970. Mr. KIRKPATRICK returned the letter stating he was unable to deliver it in North Vietnam. Mrs. [REDACTED] b2c Colorado, whose husband is a POW, shot down over North Vietnam in July, 1966, received three letters from her husband through COLIFAM in April, 1970. She has also sent letters to her husband through COLIFAM but does not know if he received them. She stated COLIFAM has not asked her to subscribe to anti United States propaganda. She stated the office dealing with POW affairs at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, had accepted but not encouraged the possibility of corresponding with POW's through COLIFAM.

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9803 [REDACTED] 4-6-93 MIA-Pow Special

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On August 4, 1970, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Denver, Colorado, advised he had written a letter
to the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen
Detained in North Vietnam (COLIFAM) in which he questioned
their position with respect with United States participation
in Vietnam war. He advised that he received the following
letter in response to the letter he had written:

COMMITTEE OF L. A. 175

with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam

365 West 42nd Street, New York, N.Y. 10036

(212) 765-1490

CABLE ADDRESS:
COLIAFAM

Co-chairmen:

Dave Bellinger
Cora Weiss

Treasurer:

Mrs. Anne Bennett

Committee

Richard J. Barnett
Rennie Davis
Madeline Duckles
Prof. Richard Falk
Rev. Richard Fernandez
Norma Fruchter
*Maggie Geddes
Steve Halliwell
Prof. Donald Kelish
Stewart Meacham
Prof. Leo Seitzman
Prof. Franz Schurmann
Ethel Taylor
*Barbara Webster
Trudi Young

*staff

July 14, 1970

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Dear [REDACTED]

Sorry not to have answered you before this but I've been trying to clear up things here before I take off for the summer, and correspondence with families of prisoners or men missing-in-action took precedence.

You're right, of course, about the history of U.S. involvement in Vietnam but Nixon is now, in fact, responsible since he's the one that ~~has~~ end it if he wants to, which I doubt that he does. I'm sure he wishes like hell he didn't have that particular "problem" on his hands but he's also too worried about face-saving and other High Principles to do what is necessary to end it.

As far as taking the Vietnamese's word that they will release the prisoners when the U.S. withdraws, questions of trust aside, just what in the hell do you think they would ~~show~~ with a few hundred (about 335 in the North, who knows how many in the South) recalcitrant, food-eating, attention-needing American servicemen? Who needs the bother once the U.S. is, in fact, totally out of their country? You probably won't believe me, either, but if they didn't release them at that point I would do whatever I could (as I think many peace movement folks would) to protest that.

For what small comfort it may give you, both Cora Weiss and I are against the U.S. selling jets to Israel. I don't think anyone thinks there is an easy solution to that incredible and complex situation, but more jets certainly ain't it. More raids, from whichever side, isn't either. A lot of humaneness, understanding and less paranoia on both sides would be a great leap forward.

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Sincerely,

[Signature]

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On August 11, 1970, Mr. [REDACTED] made available copies of two documents written by COLIFAM which he, [REDACTED] had received in a letter dated July 23, 1970, from GORDON ALLOTT, United States Senator from Colorado. Mr. [REDACTED] said he had written Senator ALLOTT about his concern for the prisoners in North Vietnam.

In the letters of Senator ALLOTT the two documents are described as follows:

"With specific reference to the question raised in your letter about the Committee of Liaison of Families of Servicemen Detained in Southeast Asia, I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I received from the wife of an American POW who in turn had received it from the Committee. I believe that this letter will give you some indication of the type of individual and organization which is involved with this particular committee.

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I am also enclosing, for your information, 62c additional copies of correspondence which I have received from Mrs. [REDACTED] whose husband, [REDACTED] was shot down on the afternoon of [REDACTED] 1966. This correspondence dramatizes to a considerable extent the manner in which the committee has preyed upon the torment and anxieties of certain wives of American servicemen who have been held captive by the Communists. In addition, I have been in touch with the appropriate Senate and House committees to inquire about the possibility of a Congressional investigation of this committee."

Copies of the documents are as follows:

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON

With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam
365 West 42nd Street, New York, N.Y. 10036 (212) 765-1490

Dear _____

We are enclosing a letter to you from _____ written from a camp of detention in the Democratic Republic of Vietnam. The letter is forwarded to you through the newly formed Committee of Liaison of which we are members.

This letter, along with 63 others, was recently handed to Louis Schneider by Vietnamese authorities in Hanoi, and he mailed them to us from Hong Kong. This was in line with a system for handling such letters which has been opened up to our Committee by the Democratic Republic of Vietnam.

The Committee of Liaison is composed of individuals active in the American peace movement and opposed to the U.S. military intervention in Vietnam. The Democratic Republic of Vietnam has decided to use our Committee as a channel for communication between the captured airmen in detention camps in North Vietnam and their relatives in the United States.

Please excuse the fact that this letter is dittoed rather than typed on letterhead. We are a new committee and we want you to receive the enclosed without delay. Therefore we are mailing this letter immediately without waiting for printed letterhead and envelopes.

We shall send you further information within the next few days regarding the liaison services our Committee is now able to perform.

In closing we wish to express the deep hope that the U.S. government will come to its senses, withdraw its armed forces from Vietnam, and thus make it possible for the families, both American and Vietnamese which have been separated as a result of this cruel war, to be reunited.

Sincerely yours,

For the Committee of Liaison

<i>Richard Fernandez</i> Richard Fernandez Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam	<i>Stewart Neacham</i> Stewart Neacham American Friends Service Committee	<i>Ethel Taylor</i> Ethel Taylor Women's Strike for Peace
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Other members of the Committee are: David Dellinger, Cora Weiss, Bonnie Davis, Anne Bennett, Bea Seitzman, Maggie Coddos, Trudi Young, Steve Halliwell, Barbara Webster.

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON

with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam

365 West 42nd Street New York N.Y. 10033

212-765-1400

January, 1970

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Trudi Young
StaffBackground

In the course of the Vietnam war, links have been built between the people of Vietnam and Americans who oppose the war through numerous meetings and conferences. These meetings have taken place in Europe, Canada, Cuba and Southeast Asia and have included people from both the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (North Vietnam) and the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam (now part of the Provisional Revolutionary Government).

In these meetings the Vietnamese have always stressed a distinction between the U.S. government, whom they hold responsible for the policy of war, and the U.S. people, whom they believe still value the goals upon which this country was founded--independence, justice, freedom and equality. This same distinction is evident to those Americans who have visited North Vietnam and found that even though the nation is armed to defend itself, the people are encouraged by their government to believe that the American people are basically decent and humane.

It is therefore understandable that the Vietnamese should indicate their basic confidence in the American people through the peace movement which they believe embodies American ideals, rather than the government. And in the past, the Vietnamese have asked the peace movement to receive U.S. servicemen--primarily pilots whose planes were shot down--when the North Vietnamese government has decided to release them. On three separate occasions--February, 1968, July, 1968 and July 1969--the peace movement has gone to Hanoi and returned with released servicemen; on one occasion an American peace activist went to Phnom Penh, Cambodia to receive three released NLF captives.

In addition, Americans visiting Hanoi have frequently carried letters there at the request of families, and have brought back letters from servicemen. There have also been occasions when American peace activists have met prisoners and talked with them.

Functions of the Committee

A Committee of Liaison has now been established as an extension of these past efforts at the request of the North Vietnamese. As on past occasions, the peace movement is responding to a request by the Vietnamese to meet a specific, immediate need and is not in any sense representing the government of North Vietnam.

The Committee will seek to facilitate communication between families in the U.S. and servicemen now imprisoned in North Vietnam. Basically, the Committee will receive letters from servicemen and forward them through the domestic mails, thereby decreasing, we hope, past problems in the receipt of such mail. We will also forward letters to North Vietnam at the request of relatives. Families are of course still free to send letters and parcels directly but should note that the instructions on mailing previously issued by the State Department are wrong. The correct address is:

name of serviceman
serial number
Camp of Detention of U.S. Pilots
Captured in the D.R.V.
Hanoi, Democratic Republic of Vietnam

via Moscow, U.S.S.R.

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In addition, it is possible that the Vietnamese will be able to verify

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requests for information about servicemen from families who are uncertain if their relatives are being held in North Vietnam. Requests should be submitted to the Committee, but there is no certainty when and if the North Vietnamese will be able to respond. The Committee will of course transmit immediately any information that it receives to the family.

Clarification

Two clarifications are in order: first, it should be noted that the Committee will be dealing solely with the government of North Vietnam and will not have any information on men held in South Vietnam by the Provisional Revolutionary Government. Nor will we be able to provide information at this time concerning men held in Laos or any other Southeast Asian country where U.S. troops and aircraft are presently involved in combat missions.

Secondly, the Committee will function entirely apart from the U.S. government. The U.S. government has frequently made it more difficult for the Vietnamese to be open to the concerns of American families by using the families' genuine desires as a propaganda ploy. The government has further attempted to provoke an angry response from the Vietnamese by publicizing unsubstantiated and inflammatory testimony from fliers already released: apparently, the government has decided to jeopardize existing communications and the possibility of future releases for the sake of propaganda aimed at prolonging the war. The North Vietnamese are also very aware that the U.S. government's claims of humanitarian concerns are contradicted by the well-documented policy of torture and brutality practiced on prisoners taken in the South by U.S. and Saigon troops.

In addition to all these factors, there is the simple fact that the resolution of the fate of all the servicemen now held in North Vietnam waits ultimately upon a U.S. decision to end the war and withdraw all its forces and materiel.

Who We Are

We firmly believe that the safe return of these men and the half million others that the U.S. maintains in South Vietnam, Laos, Thailand and aboard naval vessels--who can also be viewed as prisoners, prisoners of their own government since many have been sent to fight in a war against the dictates of their own conscience--can only come with a decision on the part of the U.S. government to withdraw from Vietnam. Because of this conviction, we who are serving on this Committee will continue our efforts to create popular pressure strong enough to force the government to withdraw.

We are active in a variety of organizations committed to ending the war: American Friends Service Committee, the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, Clergy and Laymen Concerned about Vietnam, Women Strike for Peace, The Conspiracy, and Women Against Daddy Warbucks. The Committee is supported by donations from individuals and organizations, and welcomes any gifts to sustain its work.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

b2c Date August 18, 1970

Mrs. [REDACTED] Lakewood, Colorado, advised she is the wife of [REDACTED] a United States Air Force pilot who was reported missing in action over North Vietnam on [REDACTED] 1966. She said she has had no communication from her husband since that time nor any report out of North Vietnam that her husband is dead or alive.

b2c Mrs. [REDACTED] stated she is active as the [REDACTED] of the National League of Wives and Families of American Servicemen Captured in Southeast Asia. The headquarters are located at Number 1 Constitution Avenue, Washington, D. C. In this capacity she receives requests to address various groups and on such an occasion about January or February, 1970, at the United Church of Christ in southeast Denver, she was approached by [REDACTED] who works in Denver with the anti-war organization known as the American Friends Service Committee. Mr. [REDACTED] spoke as though STEWART MEACHAM, a member of the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (COLIFAM), was an old friend, and [REDACTED] suggested that Mrs. [REDACTED] contact COLIFAM in New York City requesting information concerning her husband or write a letter to her husband, sending it to COLIFAM with the request that it be forwarded to her husband in North Vietnam.

b2c Mrs. [REDACTED] stated she felt that it was below the moral standards of her husband to deal with North Vietnam through COLIFAM but decided to write COLIFAM anyway since that organization had sent representatives to Hanoi and claimed to be able to obtain information on Prisoners of War held in North Vietnam. She said she wrote in April, 1970, but did not enclose any letter to her husband and received the following reply from COLIFAM.

On 8/6/70 at [REDACTED] Colorado File # Denver 100-10142
by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 8/10/70

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON

with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam

365 West 42nd Street, New York, N.Y. 10036

(212) 765-1490

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Prof. Franz Schurmann
Ethel Taylor
*Barbara Webster
Trudi Young

*staff

April 11, 1970

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Dear Mrs. [REDACTED] b7c

EO 12812-2
Your letter of April 3rd arrived in our office yesterday -- just in time to be included in a letter with requests for information on missing servicemen that we will send with a group of anti-war activists who leave tomorrow for Hanoi.

We do not know how long it will be before we might receive word from or about your husband but we will certainly contact you just as soon as we do. We understand your anguish in not knowing about him and sincerely hope we will be able to be of help.

Sincerely,

Barbara Webster
Barbara Webster

P.S. I am enclosing an Information Sheet which explains the Committee of Liaison.

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Functions of the Committee

The Committee of Liaison seeks to facilitate communication between servicemen imprisoned in North Vietnam and their families in the United States. The Committee receives letters from servicemen and forwards them to the families through the domestic mails. It also forwards letters to North Vietnam at the request of families. Families are, of course, still free to send letters directly but should not the correct address for both letters and packages:

Name of serviceman, serial number
Camp of Detention of U.S. Pilots Captured
in the D.R.V.
Hanoi, Democratic Republic of Vietnam
via Moscow, U.S.S.R.

*staff

Captured servicemen may receive one letter a month and one package (not over six pounds in weight) every other month. The Committee does not forward packages. It is suggested that letters sent to the Committee for forwarding be sealed and that stamps be enclosed (not affixed) as letters are forwarded in packets.

The Committee is only able to be of help with respect to men who have been shot down over North Vietnam.

The Committee also is able to request information regarding the status of men thought to have been shot down over North Vietnam and captured there. For such inquiries the Committee needs to have the individual's service number, and any available information as to when and where he was shot down. With respect to such requests the Committee would expect to receive a letter to his family if the individual is being held in North Vietnam. If the individual is known to be dead or if the North Vietnamese have no information regarding him, the Committee expects to receive that word to the extent possible. In any case the Committee will communicate with the family concerned as soon as it receives word. In this way we expect that, as Xuan Thuy, head of the North Vietnamese delegation in Paris, has said, gradually all families of servicemen held in North Vietnam will hear from their relatives.

Background

The Committee of Liaison has been established in response to an initiative

created by the North Vietnamese and is an extension of previous efforts. It is not in any sense representing the government of North Vietnam.

Since 1965 there have been a number of meetings between people of Vietnam (from both the North and the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam) and Americans who oppose the war. On three separate occasions representatives of the American anti-war movement have gone to Hanoi and have returned with released servicemen. On one occasion an American peace activist went to Phnom Penh, Cambodia, to receive three American soldiers who were released by the National Liberation Front. Americans visiting Hanoi have frequently carried letters to captured servicemen at the request of their families and they have brought back letters when they have returned to the United States. On several occasions such visitors from the peace movement have met with captured pilots in Hanoi.

The Committee

The Committee of Liaison believes that the safe return of U.S. servicemen captured in North Vietnam and the half-million others that the United States maintains in South Vietnam, Laos, Thailand, and aboard naval vessels can only come with a decision on the part of the U.S. government to completely withdraw from Vietnam. Because of this conviction, we who are serving on this Committee will also continue our efforts aimed at the immediate and complete withdrawal of all U.S. armed forces and weapons.

As individuals Committee members are active in a variety of organizations and groups committed to ending the war: the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, The Conspiracy, Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam, U.S. Inter-religious Committee on Peace, Fellowship of Reconciliation, Newsreel, Women Against Daddy Warbucks, Lawyers Committee on Vietnam, and Women Strike for Peace.

The Committee of Liaison is entirely dependent on donations from individuals and organizations, and welcomes any gifts to sustain its work.

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Mrs. [REDACTED] continued that on May 14, 1970, she called the COLIFAM Office in New York City, speaking to BARBARA WEBSTER and inquired if the COLIFAM representatives who were to make the trip to Hanoi in April, 1970, had returned with information concerning U. S. prisoners. Mrs. WEBSTER stated no information on the prisoners was obtained by the COLIFAM representatives but that members of the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam were leaving the next day for Hanoi and were to obtain information concerning Mrs. [REDACTED] husband. b7c
Mrs. WEBSTER stated that Reverend (FNU) FERNANDEZ was then in Hanoi with a group working with COLIFAM and reported that North Vietnam would not accept any more inquiries concerning prisoners. Mrs. [REDACTED] said the list of prisoners from North Vietnam had not been obtained and published by COLIFAM when she contacted Mrs. WEBSTER.

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Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that the Air Force through an office at Randolph Air Force Base had informed families of missing servicemen that they might send letter to the missing servicemen through Mr. KENNETH KIRKPATRICK of the American Friends Service Committee at Seattle, Washington. Mrs. [REDACTED] stated she prepared a letter to her husband addressed as follows:

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[REDACTED]
Camp of Detention of U. S. Pilots
Captured in the DRV
c/o Hanoi Post Office,
Hanoi, Democratic Republic of Vietnam

She forwarded this letter about May, 1970, to Mr. KIRKPATRICK who subsequently returned it to her with the following letter:

AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP SERVICE COMMITTEE INC.

160 North Fifteenth Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102
Phone 215-563-9372

HENRY BLEIKITS
Chairman

HENRY J. CADBURY
Honorary Chairman

BRONSON P. CLARK
Executive Secretary

July 27, 1970

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED] ¹²⁴ Eo 12812-2

I deeply regret that it was not possible for me to deliver the enclosed as you had requested when I went to Hanoi in June 1970. I was told in Hanoi by Mr. Tran Trong Quat of the Vietnam Committee for Solidarity with the American People that that Committee has compiled a list of 335 American servicemen who it says are held in detention camps in North Vietnam. (See attached list.) This Committee does not have responsibility for the administration of camps of detention in North Vietnam, but is the committee which invited me to visit Hanoi. Mr. Quat would accept from me only those letters which were addressed to persons on the list of 335. This is the same list which was turned over to the Committee of Liaison last April.


Mr. Quat informed me that the North Vietnam authorities have no information regarding Americans who have been captured in areas outside North Vietnam. In other words, although the name of a person who is believed to have been shot down over Laos, Cambodia, China or South Vietnam does not appear on the North Vietnam list of 335, this does not mean that that person has not survived. It only means that according to the North Vietnamese he is not a person known to them or held by them and that they, therefore, cannot deliver letters or packages to him.

Regarding those reportedly shot down over North Vietnam the refusal of Mr. Quat to accept letters for delivery because their names are not on the list of 335 implies, of course, a more somber situation, but I learned nothing more specific than that as to any particular individual.

My recent trip to Southeast Asia took me both to Hanoi and to Saigon. Both in North Vietnam and in South Vietnam, as well as here in the United States, one cannot help but see how this war has brought tragedy and sorrow into the lives of all affected by it, Americans and Vietnamese alike.

Again let me express my sincere regret that I was not able to deliver the enclosed.

Sincerely yours,



Kenneth Kirkpatrick
Peace Education Secretary
AFSC
814 N.E. 40th Street
Seattle, Washington 98105

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Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that she also sends \$35 to \$40 in medical items for her husband every other month although she feels sure the goods are taken by the North Vietnamese. She does this by taking the package to the Post Office and using the same address as for the letter she sent to Mr. KIRKPATRICK.

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Mrs. [REDACTED] also made available a copy of a list of prisoners held in North Vietnam which had been compiled by COLIFAM and which Mr. KIRKPATRICK had enclosed with his letter of July 27, 1970. She stated that this list reflects two prisoners of war were from Colorado, [REDACTED] Colorado, and [REDACTED] Colorado. She stated the wife of [REDACTED] currently lives in [REDACTED] but that the wife of [REDACTED] is currently living in Dallas, Texas, although [REDACTED] parents still reside in [REDACTED] THE COLIFAM list of POW's as made available by Mrs. [REDACTED] is as follows:

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COMMITTEE
355 West 42nd

WORK WITH FAMILIES OF SERVICE
New York, N.Y. 10036

ARMED IN NORTH VIETNAM
212-765-1496

The following 335 names have been officially confirmed by Hanoi to be prisoners held in North Vietnam; -- April 30, 1970 -- :

Alabama

Michael K. McCuiston, 71410, Montgomery
Herbert Benjamin Ringsdorf, FR75446, Elba
~~Erby David Ferrell, 5055355, Anniston~~ *see Ga.*

Arizona

Kile Dag Berg, 3103302, Glendale
Jack Williamson Bomar, FV2251452, Mesa
Larry Edward Carrigan, 3119504, Scottsdale
Joseph Crecca, Jr., FR83481, Phoenix
Laird Gutterson, 25408, Tucson
Thomas Mack Madison, 2249519, Phoenix
Dennis Anthony Moore, 541532, Scottsdale
John Joseph Pitchford, Jr., FV2245522, Scottsdale
Lewis W. Shattuck, 3035921, Mesa
Jack H. Tomes, FR65155, Chandler
Charles Robert Tyler, 59050, Phoenix
Jack Linwood VanLoan, 65085, Tucson

Arkansas

James Lesley Lomar, 1905733, Little Rock

California

Wilfred Keese Abbott, 3081739, San Diego
Everett Alvarez, Jr., 544124, Santa Clara
Anthony Charles Andrews, FR3145551, ~~Chico~~ *Chico*
Frederick C. Baldock, Jr., 565620, Lemon Grove
Robert W. Barnett, FR31021, Hawthorne
Cole Black, 504387, San Diego
Terry Lee Boyer, FR3153542, Visalia
Michael Lee Brazelton, FV3148550, Long Beach
Philip Neal Butler, 547398, LaJolla
William Wallace Butler, 3133430, San Rafael
Carl Dennis Chambers, FV3133401, Yuba City
Arvin Roy Chauncy, 514788, Lemoore
Claude Douglas Clower, 50547, San Diego
James Quincy Collins, 27903, Atherton
Michael Paul Cronin, 565552, Berkeley
~~Verlyne Wayne Duntels, 554745, Hayward~~ *see Kansas*
Edward Dale Estes, 505484, Lemoore
John Fer, 63823, San Pedro
Herbert Kelly Flesher, 32199, Sacramento
David Edward Ford, FV3122074, Sacramento
Henry Pope Fowler, FR3148574, Palo Alto
Charles R. Gillespie, Jr., 542951, Miramar
Collins H. Haines, 593915, San Diego
James Martin Hickerson, 551065, Lemoore
Harry Tarleton, Jr., 504424, Lemoore
~~Theodore Frank Koofman, 507544, Lemoore~~ *Ronald Mark Lebert
FV 3176215, Rancho Cordova*
Carl William Lasiter, 55054, San Diego
Earl Gardner Lewis, Jr., 183095, San Diego
Alan Pierce Lurie, FR65256, Apple Valley
John Michael McGrath, 559291, San Diego
George P. McInain, 597713, Montrose
John B. McKamey, 514791, Lemoore
Edward Holmes Martin, 554587, Coronado
Raymond James Merritt, 44729, Colton
Edison Wainwright Miller, 654502, Santa Ana
Joseph Scott Mobley, 701867, Manhattan Beach
Ernest M. Moore, Jr., 553559, Lemoore
Richard Dean Mullen, 554925, LaJolla
John H. Nasmyth, Jr., FV3120117, South San Gabriel
Dale Harrison Osborne, 514229, ~~Kaweah~~ *San Diego*
James Glenn Pirie, 514185, Lemoore
Leo T. Profilet, 506413, Palo Alto
Darrell Edwin Pyle, FV3145935, Santa Ana

California (cont'd.)

David George Hehmann, 698502, Lancaster
 Wendell Burke Rivers, 555144, Oxnard
 David John Rollins, 633926, San Diego
 Kay Russell, 563557, San Diego
 Howard Elmer Rutledge, 505435, San Diego
 Paul Henry Schuffz, 515795, San Diego
 Robert James Schweitzer, 571894, Lemoore
 William L. Shankel, 554281, Jackson
 Robert Harper Shumaker, 548955, LaJolla
 Charles Everett Southwick, 544716, Cupertino
 Charles David Stackhouse, 547984, Lemoore
 John Edward Stavast, 52944, Claremont
 Theodore Gerhard Stier, 569500, San Diego
 Robert Lewis Stirm, FV3035919, Foster City
 James Bond Stockdale, Coronado, 485624
 Richard Allen Stratton, 502087, Hayward Palo Alto
 Gary L. Thornton, 700903, Porterville
 Robert Earl Wideman, 525523, Westminster
 Brian Dunstan Woods, 518053, Lemoore

William Robert Stark
 619808, Coronado

See Ohio

Colorado

William David Burroughs, FR27184, Aurora
 Jerry Allen Singleton, 51075, Greeley

See Texas

Connecticut

Read Blaine ~~McClary~~, 578398, Old Greenwich

Delaware

Robert Bartsch Doremus, 597355, Wilmington

District of Columbia

Arthur Thomas Hoffman
 FV 3152442

Florida

Ralph J. Browning, FR78555, Orlando
~~John L. Brown~~, A0312344, Miami
 Gerald L. Coffee, 625308, Sanford
 Kenneth Williams Cordier, 71351, Tampa
 Carl Boyette Crumpler, 27705, Orange Park
 John Howard Dunn, 059941, Jacksonville
 John Stewart Finlay, III, 19805, Satellite Beach
 Kenneth Fisher, 57431, Sebring
 Robert Byron Fuller, 542942, North Miami Beach Jacksonville
 Ralph Ellis Gaither, 585355, Miami
 Danny E. Glenn, 568152, Jacksonville
 David Fletcher Gray, Jr., 3158230, Tampa
 Guy Dennis Gruters, 78580, Sarasota
 Lawrence N. Guarino, 52573, Satellite Beach
 Keith Norman Hall, FR61501, Fort Walton Beach
 Thomas Renwick Hall, Jr., 582719, Pensacola
 William Morgan Hardman, 525171, Center Hill
 John Heilig, 557042, North Miami Beach
 Robert Bruce Hinckley, 3145579, Fort Walton Beach
 James Otis Hivner, 50815, Tampa
 James Leo Hutton, 502748, Lakeland
 Charles Negus James, Jr., 544080, Sanford
 Richard Paul Keirn, A0935512, Tampa
 Wilson Denver Key, 569207, Jacksonville
 Vernon Peyton Ligon, Jr., 33825, Melbourne Beach
 John Sidney McCain, 524787, Orange Park
 Glendon W. Perkins, FV3101454, Orlando
 Douglas Brian Peterson, FR54627, Marianna
 Peter Van Schoeffel, 584717, Naples
 Kenneth Adrian Simonet, 23521, West Palm Beach
~~Ernest E. Smith~~, 582720, Eagle Lake
 Wayne Ogden Smith, FR80570, Dunedin
 Thomas James Sterling, FR45475, Fort Walton Beach
 Richard George Tangeman, 559370, Sanford
 Dewey Wayne Waddell, 54772, Fort Walton Beach
 Lewis Irving Williams, 594463, Tampa
 James Faulds Young, FR45511, Hollywood

See Washington

Giles R. Norrington, 692103,
 Sanford

Georgia

~~Rexley Crayton, 527004, La Grange~~
 Leon Francis Ellis, Jr., 3171887, Hull
 Porter A. Halyburton, 577514, ~~Dorset~~ *Tucker*
 Leo Gregory Hyatt, 513540, Albany
 Michael Christopher Lane, FV3134159, Atlanta
~~Giles Roderick Northington, 590103, Albany~~ *see Fla.*
 Thomas Vance Parrott, FV3103992, Dalton
 Orson G. Swindle, 078193, Camilla
 Faby D. Terrell, 3035768, Atlanta

Hawaii

George G. McKnight, A03051289, Honolulu

Idaho

~~Larry James Charley, 3147408, Burley~~ *see Utah*
 Donald Glenn Waltman, FR53895, Kellogg
~~Thomas Joseph Dorsett~~

Illinois

Thomas Joseph Barrett, FV3120130, Lombard
 John L. Borling, 69907, Chicago → *Jerry Donald Oriscoll*
 John William Frederick, Jr., 082847, Tremont *69973, Hinsdale*
 Thomas F. Norris, 77071, Godfrey
 Gary Richard Sigler, FV3157864, Table Grove

Indiana

~~Richard Brenneman, FV3158661, Mishawaka~~
~~Hubert Elliott Buchanan, 3145525, Austin~~ → *Michael Thomas Burns,*
 Ronald Edward Byrne, Jr., 27821A, Kokomo *31089503, Warsaw*
 James Helms Kosler, FR24551, Indianapolis

Iowa

~~Michael Thomas Burns, 31089503, Mount Pleasant~~ *see Ind.*
 Robert John Naughton, 545287, Sheldon
 Larry Howard Spencer, 674085, Earlham

Kansas

~~Charles Graham Boyd, FR72501, Wichita~~ → *Verlyne Wayne Camille, 554745,*
~~Ramon Anton Hornick, FR49544~~ *Ness City*
 Edward Lee Hubbard, FV3122827, Overland Park
 Gobel Dale James, FR3005133, Overland Park
 Harold Eugene Johnson, FR72372, Overland Park
 Ronald Lambert Mastin, FR79450, Overland Park
 Joseph Charles Plumb, Jr., 578505, ~~Overland Park~~ *Prairie Village*
 Leroy William Stutz, 78935, Cummings

Kentucky

Robert Baldwin Purcell, 53796, Louisville
 Dewey Lee Smith, 64990, Valley Station

Louisiana

Lawrence Barbay, 3054027, Baton Rouge
 Murphy Neal Jones, FR69505, Baton Rouge
 Hayden James Lockhart, Jr., 52559, Alexandria
 Bruce Gibson Seeber, 47135, West Monroe

Maine

Robert Irwin Biss, FV3103220, Bangor
 Allan Russell Carpenter, 557951, Sanford
 Markham L. Gartley, 703544, Greenville
 Roger Dean Ingvalson, FR30713, Sanford

Maryland

James Franklin Bell, 515977, LaVale
 Arthur William Burer, 3037545, Rockville
 Hugh Allen Stafford, 514922, Cambridge

Maryland (Md.)

Bernard Leo Talley, Jr. 3129281, Baltimore

Massachusetts

Paul Gordon Brown, 004575, Newton
Leonard Corbett Eastman, 524192, Barnardston
Charles Edward Greene, Jr. 3081054, Needham
Lauren Robert Lengyel, FR3051554, West Peabody
Kenneth Walter North, 53554, Wellfleet
Frederick Raymond Purrington, 580259, North Dartmouth
Timothy Bernard Sullivan, 595505, Springfield
~~Russell Edward Temperley, FR59025, No. Falmouth~~

Michigan

Robert Archie Abbott, FR51453, Sawyer AFB
Willard Selleck Gideon, 3025283, Mt. Clemens
Martin James Neuens, FR95831, Iron Mountain
Donald Eugene Odell, FV3057281, Mt. Clemens
Joseph Francis Shanahan, FR72170, Grand Rapids
James Howie Warner, 002815, Ypsilanti

Minnesota

Richard Eugene Bolstad, FR81278, Minneapolis
David Everson, FR55893, Coon Rapids
David Robert Wheat, 577374, Duluth
David Williams Winn, 35546, Minneapolis

Mississippi

James William Bailey, 584790, Carthage
Thomas Edward Collins, III, 58082, Jackson
Carlyle Smith Harris, 46653, Tupelo

Missouri

John Warren Brodak, 3108528, ~~Jennings~~ ^{St. Louis}
John Walter Clark, 70474, Columbia
Donald Ray Spoon, 78929, Pleasant Hill
Robert Deane Woods, 532730, Garden City

Montana

Rodney Allen Knutson, 557751, Billings

Nebraska

~~Richard Raymond Robelloff, 581476, Stromberg~~ See S.D.

Nevada

Richard Allen Dutton, FR22457, North Las Vegas
Richard Eugene Smith, Jr. 57992, Las Vegas
Dwight Everett Sullivan, 3025578, Las Vegas
Robert F. Waggoner, 3065137, Reno

New Hampshire

~~Russell Edward Temperley, FR59025, Concord~~ See S.D.

New Jersey

Joseph Abbott, Jr., FV3057099
George Thomas Coker, 559409, Linden
John Arthur Dramesi, 55320
Jeffrey Thomas Ellis, FV3135510, Madison
Willis Ellis Forby, 3040351
Robert Campbell Jones, FR51333, Chatham
Edwin Frank Miller, Jr., 706510, Oakland
Joseph Edward Milligan, 3155215, ~~Amesbury~~ ^{Annandale}
Thomas William Sims, FV3038065, ~~Elizabeth~~ ^{Cinnaminson}
Arnold Santo Venanzi, FV3173807, Trenton
Ronald John Webb, FR72823

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James Lindberg Hughes, FR43211, Santa Fe
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Myron L. Donald, FR30331, Ossining
Wayne Goodermote, 69319, Berlin
~~Norman Alexander McDaniels, FR55557, New York City~~ See N.C.
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→ Wallace Grant Newcomb
313093, Painted Post

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Norman Carl Gaddis, 26772, Winston Salem
David Burnett Hatcher, 304002, Mt. Airy
James Edward Hitehew, FR46658, Goldsboro
Thomas Mitchell McNish, FR78805, Franklin
Jerry Wendell Marvel, 070296, Newport
William Andrew Robinson, AF14782798, Robersonville
Norman Louross Wells, FV3037386, Goldsboro

→ Norman Alexander McDaniels
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Burton Wayne Campbell, FR70564, Amherst
Harlan Page Chapman, 071437, Elyria
John Peter Flynn, 15760
Paul Anthony Kari, 55575A, Spencer
Edward John Mechenbier, FR78807, Dayton
Thomas Nelson Now, 3175200, Columbus
Cowan Glenn Mix, 74953, Warrensville Heights

Bradley E. Smith, 65750, Lake Metro
Robt. E. Wideman, 687953, Rocky River

Oklahoma

Fred A.W. Franks, Jr., 513370, Midwest City
Galand D. Kramer, FV3155955, Tulsa
Harold DeLoss Monlux, FV3151422, Tulsa
Thomas Shaw Pyle, II, FV3103312, Cordell
Robinson Risner, 26905, Oklahoma City
Hubert Clifford Walker, Jr., 3145724, Tulsa

Oregon

James Eldon Sehorn, 3132084, Forest Grove

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Wendell Reed Alcorn, 658707, Kittanning
Gareth Laverne Anderson, 682482, Kane
Arthur Neill Block, AF12556475, Bethlehem
John Douglass Burns, 613414, Paoli
David Jay Carey, 677935, Jeannette
John Owen Davies, 3152430, Reading
Edward Anthony Davis, 658959, Leola
~~Joseph Donald Driscoll, 68372, Canton~~ See Ill.
David Henry Duart, FV3057321, Canton
Glenn Leo Myers, 3181931, Pittsburgh
Jon A. Reynolds, FR58584, Bala Cynwyd
Mark John Ruhling, FV3139159, Pittsburgh
Robert Ralston Sashill, Jr., FR24101, Carnegie
Konrad W. Trautman, FV1909945, Steelton

South Ca. 11ns

William Renwick Austin, II, 71588, Simpsonville
Bobby Ray Bagley, FV3034566, Sumter
Robert St. Clair Fant, Jr., 553848, Anderson
~~Arthur Thomas Hefcock, FR315242, sec W.A.L.D.C.~~
William Harley Means, Jr., 3058903, Sumter
Herschel Scott Morgan, 3057445, Sumter
Albert Edward Runyan, FR49475, Sumter

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Leo Keith Thorsness, FV3025937, Sioux Falls

Richard Raymond Ritzlath
681476, Aberdeen

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William Porter Lawrence, 543032, Nashville
Robert D. Peel, AC3117963, Paris
Charles Nels Tanner, 588973, Covington
Raymond Arthur Vohden, 586702, Memphis

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Elmo Cinnard Baker, 30525432, San Antonio
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Ronald Glenn Bliss, FR78537, Temple
Donald Ray Burns, FR27184, Mineral Wells
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Thomas Gordon Storey, 73117, Austin
Ross Randle Terry, 522502, Lake Jackson
Terry Jun Uyeyama, 3085355, Austin
John Henry Wendell, Jr., FR51974, Houston
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James Robert Berger, FV3119212, Lexington
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Edwin Arthur Shuman, III, 584738, Virginia Beach
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Michael Scott Kerr, 33544, Sequim
Wesley Duane Schierman, 3058242, Spokane
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Raymond Walter Vissotzky, 3005144, Veradale
Lawrence D. Writer, FV3155989, Olympia

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Daniel James Doughty, 3037760, Ladysmith
Frederic R. Flom, 3157103, Appleton
Gerald Lee Gerndt, 3163157, Suring
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William John Metzger, Jr., 584859, Wisconsin Rapids

Kenneth Raymond Hughey, 31352

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England

Robert R. Craner, FV3034313, ^{Frostfield} ~~Foxsey~~, Lancashire

Italy

Thomas Henry Kirk, Jr., 20794, Trieste

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Mrs. [REDACTED] continued she has record of numerous relatives of men who are missing in action in Vietnam but she did not know whether these relatives may have been contacted by COLIFAM. She advised, however, that the wife of one man, who had served in Vietnam, namely Mrs. [REDACTED] Colorado Springs, Colorado, had received a letter about Christmas time, 1969, which had been brought back from North Vietnam by either ETHEL TAYLOR or MADELINE DUCKLES of COLIFAM and this letter had been directed by Mrs. [REDACTED] to her husband as a POW in North Vietnam and was returned to her with the notation, "Undeliverable", "Serviceman Deceased." Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that on the magazine called "The Air Force Digest" for the month of July, 1970, it listed five such servicemen whose relatives were notified in similar manner that these servicemen had apparently died in North Vietnam. b2c

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Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] who is stationed at Lowry Air Force Base, Denver, and who is currently on leave, had advised that while attending a school at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama, he had been in contact with a number of wives whose husbands are servicemen missing in action. [REDACTED] had related to Mrs. [REDACTED] that one such wife had been contacted by COLIFAM to the effect they had a letter from her husband and that subsequently required her to subscribe to certain propaganda before the letter was delivered. b2c

Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that her only contact of anyone possibly connected with COLIFAM was her contact with [REDACTED] and her telephone call to BARBARA WEBSTER in New York to inquire about the possibility of learning whether her husband was a POW in North Vietnam. She stated she had written no letters to her husband through COLIFAM and has received no mail from her husband. She said the only letter she forwarded to her husband was the one she forwarded to KENNETH KIRKPATRICK of the American Friends Service Committee, which he returned to her by his letter of July 27, 1970, as set forth above.

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Mrs. [REDACTED] ^{b7c} advised that she was one of approximately 52 wives and 94 children of POW's and MIA (Missing in Action) who went to Paris, France, on December 24, 1969, to request the North Vietnamese Peace Delegation to give them information concerning their missing husbands. She said the North Vietnamese saw three of the wives on Christmas Day and were given a list of names of the missing men, but no response has since been received to their appeal. She said the flight to Paris was sponsored by H. ROSS PEROT, wealthy Texas businessman. She stated two other women from the Denver area who made the flight were Mrs. [REDACTED] ^{b7c} [REDACTED] Colorado, whose husband [REDACTED] is a POW, and Mrs. [REDACTED] of Denver whose husband is MIA. ^{b7c}

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b2c Date August 13, 1970

Mrs. [REDACTED] Colorado, advised that her husband [REDACTED] is an Air Force pilot who has been missing in North Vietnam as of July, 1966. She stated [REDACTED] had not heard from her husband until a woman whom she believes is ETHEL TAYLOR of the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (COLIFAM) called her parents who were then living in Ardmore, Pennsylvania. This woman, who was believed to be making the call from Marion, a suburb of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, told her parents that Mrs. [REDACTED] would soon receive a letter from her husband. Mrs. [REDACTED] said her parents called her from Pennsylvania to advise her of this telephone call and the following day, March 25, 1970, Mrs. [REDACTED] called the woman whom she believes was ETHEL TAYLOR of COLIFAM to further inquire about the report that a letter could be expected from Mrs. [REDACTED] husband. The woman then told Mrs. [REDACTED] that COLIFAM had received a list of the relatives with their addresses of U. S. Servicemen who were then prisoners in North Vietnam and that also a packet of letters was expected and these letters would be readdressed by COLIFAM to the relatives of the servicemen. b2c

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Mrs. [REDACTED] stated the letter from her husband which she subsequently received about mid April, 1970, was enclosed in a letter from COLIFAM with instructions as to how she could write to her husband. In that connection, some small forms were also enclosed in the letter which were to be used in writing to her husband and which would be sent to the COLIFAM Office for transmittal to North Vietnam. Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that her parents who originally received the telephone call from COLIFAM notified them of the fact a letter was expected from [REDACTED] who now reside at [REDACTED] Cambridge, New York. She stated her mother-in-law, [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] has also b2c

On 8/10/70 at [REDACTED] Colorado File # Denver 100-10142
by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 8/10/70 b2c

received a letter from [REDACTED] through COLIFAM. *b7c*

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Mrs. [REDACTED] continued that in addition to the letter received about mid April, 1970, she received two others within two or three days of each other about the last week of April, 1970, and she has received no other letters since that time. She stated each letter was received through COLIFAM and encouraged her to use the forms which were enclosed for subsequent correspondence to her husband, pointing out she should send these letters to COLIFAM.

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Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that an office designated by the letters USAFMPC at Randolph Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, which had been in charge of Colonel (first name unknown) LUTHER and his assistant (first name unknown) GRATCH, has continually kept her and presumably all the wives of POW's and possibly Air Force personnel listed as missing in action, informed of developments related to the POW situation and how they might attempt to correspond with the POW. She advised that this office was at Randolph Air Force Base and had in effect informed her that if she desired she could attempt to contact her husband through COLIFAM since no other means of contacting a POW had been previously successful. Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that the fact is that she would possibly not have received any letter from her husband except through COLIFAM. She stated she actually expected to be harassed into some sort of payment such as endorsing propaganda in compensation for the letters she received through COLIFAM but she has actually received no pressure and the only propaganda of her correspondence from her husband was the use of her name and address to public news media as a POW's wife who had received correspondence from her husband in North Viet Nam. She said she has written to her husband using the forms furnished to her by COLIFAM and while she does not know if they have been delivered none of them have been returned to her. She stated she has never been contacted personally by other representatives of COLIFAM. *b7c*

She stated that more recently the Air Force has utilized a form similar to that furnished by COLIFAM for the use by POW's wives in attempting to correspond with their husbands. She stated the Air Force, while not encouraging the services of COLIFAM to correspond with relatives in North Vietnam, has not directed her and, therefore, presumably other wives of POW's to avoid contact with COLIFAM. She said that the Air Force has suggested that the wives utilize the normal methods of correspondence, including the Red Cross.

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Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that she realizes that COLIFAM in its ability to deal with the Government of North Vietnam as witnessed by the list of war prisoners it has obtained and the letters it has been able to deliver to relatives of prisoners is an instrument of the North Vietnam Government or it would not have received the cooperative treatment which has been unavailable to all previous appeals made to the Government of North Vietnam. Mrs. [REDACTED] stated she would be willing to testify to the nature of her contact and correspondence with COLIFAM. b7c

Mrs. [REDACTED] furnished copies of the following pieces of correspondence which she has received from COLIFAM.

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON

with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam

365 West 42nd Street, New York, N.Y. 10036

(212) 765-1490

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Prof. Franz Schurmann
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May 5

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

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EO 12812-2

We will send your letter on
to Hanoi next week with a
group of peace movement folks
who are going there for a visit.

Sincerely,

Barbara Webster

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^{b2c} March 25, 1970

Dear *Mrs.* [REDACTED]

EO 12812 We have just received word from Hanoi that ^{b2c}
a letter from [REDACTED]
has been mailed to you from North Vietnam. His
name was included in a list of 80 servicemen
just received; this list represents advance
notice of 82 letters mailed together in a
package due to arrive soon. As soon as it comes,
we will forward it to you. Forgive this mimeo-
graphed communication, but we wanted you to know
as quickly as possible.

The Committee of Liaison was set up to facilitate
communication between men who are held in North
Vietnam and their families in this country. You
may be interested to know that since this new
arrangement was made with the North Vietnamese in
December, 376 letters have been sent from Hanoi
through us to families, and that as of this
current notification 256 servicemen have been confirmed as held by
the North Vietnamese. More mail is en route and it is expected that
mail will soon be normalized.

The arrangement for mail is described in the announcement enclosed.
We are very pleased to be able to perform this service and hope that
you will feel free to be in touch with us should you have further
questions. In the meantime we continue to work for the immediate and
complete withdrawal of all troops from Vietnam; to bring to an end
the fighting, killing and capturing; and to hasten the day when all
families, American and Vietnamese will be reunited.

Sincerely yours,

Cora Weiss Dave Dellinger
Cora Weiss Dave Dellinger

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON

with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam

365 West 42nd Street, New York, N.Y. 10036

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CABLE ADDRESS:

COLIAFAM

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From: Rev. Richard Fernandez
To: The families of the 335 presently confirmed prisoners held in North Vietnam
Re: Information on correspondence with prisoners

On April 20th I returned from a three-week trip to Laos and North Vietnam. In North Vietnam I spoke with officials responsible for communication between pilots held in detention there and their families here. The following information was emphasized to me by the North Vietnamese authorities and we are anxious to make sure that you are aware of it:

- 1) The Vietnamese recommend that families use the air-letter form (enclosed) for correspondence.
- 2) Communication to pilots should be limited to matters of family and health.
- 3) Pilots are allowed to receive one letter per month and one package every other month (not over six pounds in weight).

Detention Camp authorities have said that they do not wish to receive several letters and/or packages per month for a given pilot from different members of the same family. Families should make arrangements for alternating letters each month if different members

want to write.

The North Vietnamese authorities indicated that, from this point forward, they will not feel responsible for forwarding letters and packages that do not adhere to the above.

If the letter form is mailed directly it can go in another envelope but the mail route, "via Moscow, U.S.S.R.," should definitely be included in the address. If letters are sent to the Committee of Liaison for forwarding please enclose but do not affix stamps as we send letters on in packets. The Committee cannot forward packages for families.

While I was in Hanoi, Prof. Douglas Dowd of Cornell University and I met with three pilots: Cdr. Robert Schweitzer of Lemore, California; Cdr. Walter Wilbur of Virginia Beach and Lt. Col. Edison Miller of Santa Ana, California. The three men were in good health, and said they had daily exercise and reading material. The three pilots advised us that they had been getting letters and packages from their

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families, and asked that packages include toilet articles and canned foods. In particular they mentioned soap, shaving cream (no razors or blades), toothpaste, powdered milk and cream, instant coffee and non-melting candy. They said they do not need clothes.

Also, in my discussions with the Vietnam Committee of Solidarity with the American People, the Committee of Liaison's contact in North Vietnam, we confirmed that since December over 800 letters have been sent from Hanoi through the Committee of Liaison. Of those, 156 letters are still on their way from Hanoi to families here.

We hope that this information clarifies some aspects of correspondence for you. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

(Copy of air letter form referred to as Item 1) in the
letter from Rev. Richard Fernandez, dated May 4, 1970)

NGƯỜI GỬI (Addressor)

HỌ TÊN (Name in full):

SỐ LĨNH (Service number):

NƠI VÀ NGÀY SINH (Date & place of birth):

ĐỊA CHỈ (Address):

TRẠI GIAM PHI CÔNG MỸ BỊ BẮT TẠI
NƯỚC VIỆT - NAM DÂN CHỦ CỘNG HÒA

VIA MOSCOW, USSR (Camp of detention for U.S. pilots captured
in the DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC of VIETNAM)

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON

with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam

GỬI (Addressee)

HỌ TÊN (Name in full):

ĐỊA CHỈ (Address):

NGÀY VIẾT (Dated).....

GHI CHÚ (N.B.):

1. Phải viết rõ và chỉ được viết trên những dòng kẻ sẵn (*Write legibly and only on the lines*).
2. Trong thư chỉ được nói về tình hình sức khỏe và tình hình gia đình (*Write only about health and family*).
3. Gia đình gửi đến cũng phải theo đúng mẫu, khuôn khổ và quy định này (*Letters from families should also conform to this proforma*).

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Chairman:
Dave Dellinger
Cora Weiss

COMMUNICATION WITH CAPTURED AIRMEN

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Mrs. Anne Bennett

ESTABLISHED BY NEW COMMITTEE:

LETTERS EN ROUTE NOW

Committee (in formation):

Hennie Davis
Rev. Richard Fernandez
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Chicago, Jan. 15: In an unprecedented move, six anti-war activists announced today the formation of a Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam. The Committee will, according to Mrs. Cora Weiss, a co-chairman of the new group and a housewife from Riverdale, N.Y., "facilitate communication between servicemen held in North Vietnam and their relatives in the United States."

Specifically, "the Committee will receive letters from the captured American pilots," according to Mrs. Weiss, "and immediately forward them to the addressee. Also," she continued, "we will forward inquiries from families in the United States to the North Vietnamese authorities and they will attempt to confirm the status of their missing relatives."

According to Mrs. Weiss, "the North Vietnamese have agreed to send and receive one letter per month between airmen known to be held in North Vietnam and relatives in this country. Letters sent from the U.S.," she continued, "should be addressed to prisoner, serial number, Camp of Detention for U.S. Pilots Captured in the DRV, Hanoi, Democratic Republic of Vietnam, via Moscow, Soviet Union." Packages, Mrs. Weiss added, can be sent every other month and are not to exceed six pounds. Mrs. Weiss noted that the Committee will forward letters for the families to North Vietnam if requested by relatives to do so.

Dave Dellinger, the other co-chairman of the Committee and presently being tried on conspiracy charges in Chicago, outlined the background of previous prisoner releases to the American peace movement and said that "It is understandable that the North Vietnamese indicate their confidence in the American people through the peace movement in this way. We who are on this Committee," he continued, "firmly believe that the safe return of American pilots held in North Vietnam can only come from a decision on the part of the U.S. government to withdraw from Vietnam."

Mr. Dellinger decried the U.S. government for its ignoring the fate of thousands of prisoners in jails in South Vietnam who, with full knowledge and assistance of American personnel, are subjected to grotesque tortures, as has been frequently documented, most authoritatively by Congressman John Conyers and the Rev. Robert Drinan, Dean of Boston College Law School, in a recent survey of South Vietnamese prisons.

Another member of the Committee, Stewart Meacham, Peace Education Secretary of the American Friends Service Committee, said that "Len Schneider of the AFSC has recently been given a packet of 69 letters in Hanoi from servicemen and those letters will soon arrive from Hong Kong in New York, and will immediately be sent to the addressee." Mr. Meacham said that "the 69 letters en route to the U.S. were written by 64 prisoners and the Committee can presently confirm the names of 102 airmen held by the North Vietnamese, or reported to be dead or unknown." Mr. Meacham emphasized that the list (available upon request) of 182 names was neither final nor comprehensive. He said that "While those names are known to us, there are undoubtedly others known to their families."

Other persons participating in the press conference included Ronnie

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Davis, a defendant in the conspiracy trial, the Rev. Richard Fernandez, Director of Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam, and Maggie Gaddes and Trudi Young, staff members of the Committee.

In December 1969, Mrs. Cora Weiss and two other women, Ethel Taylor of Philadelphia and Madeleine Duckles of San Francisco, all active with Women Strike for Peace, came back from Hanoi with 138 letters from prisoners for Christmas. Mrs. Weiss said at the press conference that she had worked out the details for this Committee during this recent trip. Historically, the development of the Committee is unprecedented in time of war.

Other members of the Committee of Liaison not present at today's press conference include Mrs. Anno Bennett, Prof. Bos Seitzman, Steve Holliswell and Barbara Webster. The Committee's office is at 365 West 42nd Street, 2nd floor, New York, N.Y.

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Note: Since this release, 87 more letters from prisoners have been sent from North Vietnam for forwarding by the Committee.

Antiwar Group Seen As Liaison To U.S. POWs

NEW YORK (AP) — An office to arrange and facilitate exchange of mail between American servicemen imprisoned in North Vietnam and their families will open here today, a group opposed to the war announced yesterday.

The office carries the name of the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam, and its organizers are Mrs. Cora Weiss and David Dellinger.

Mrs. Weiss said the organization has had numerous contacts with families of prisoners it hopes to aid. She said 69 letters from 64 servicemen, brought by hand to Hong Kong, were flown to Philadelphia Saturday, then mailed to the families.

She said the North Vietnamese had approved mail arrangements by which families could send one letter and one package of no more than six pounds each month to prisoners held in North Vietnam.

Mrs. Weiss, national head of the Women's Strike for Peace and a co-chairman of the New Mobilization to End the War in Vietnam, returned recently from a trip to Hanoi.

Dellinger is one of the seven defendants being tried in Chicago on charges growing out of the disorders during the 1968 Democratic National Convention.

Mrs. Weiss said North Vietnamese officials have agreed to "reply to the extent possible" to inquiries from families.

The office will be at 365 W. 42nd St., Mrs. Weiss said.

Foes of War Form Group to Forward Letters to P.O.W.'s

CHICAGO, Jan. 15—Opponents of the Vietnam war announced today the formation of a committee to "facilitate communication between servicemen held in North Vietnam and their relatives in the United States."

At a news conference here, the founders said the Hanoi Government had agreed to work through the new committee, which is called Committee of Liaison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam.

Mrs. Cora Weiss of Riverdale, the Bronx, a housewife who is co-chairman of the committee, said Hanoi had agreed to read all mail from American prisoners of war to the committee,

which will have offices at 365 West 42d Street in New York City. She said the committee would then forward the letters to the prisoners' families.

Mrs. Weiss, who spent two weeks in North Vietnam in December, said the North Vietnamese had also agreed to answer inquiries from families of missing men and would "attempt to confirm their status."

Mrs. Weiss said this was the first time the North Vietnamese had agreed to answer such inquiries. She said the committee hoped for reasonably prompt responses.

Mrs. Weiss outlined the procedures for such inquiries. Q: She said the family of any missing man could contact the committee's New York office and ask it to approach Hanoi.

She said the committee would send a telegram to North Vietnam, "assuming that Vietnam Union will read our telegrams—we've had some trouble with that."

If the abman has been confirmed killed or is unknown to the North Vietnamese, Mrs. Weiss said, Hanoi will respond by telegram. If the man was injured or in a prison camp, she said, the North Vietnamese would attempt to get the man to write his family through the committee.

With regard to mail from men known to be held in North Vietnam, Mrs. Weiss outlined the procedure to be followed. She said North Vietnam had agreed to send and receive one letter a month between prisoners and their relatives in this country.

Letters from the prisoners are to be sent in bundles to the committee's offices and then forwarded from there to the families.

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from San Diego Union, 1/19/70

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Extra copies of this report are being furnished to the Bureau because of the widespread interest in this case.

[REDACTED] b7c and [REDACTED] who are familiar with certain New Left and communist activities in the Norfolk Division, advised that they know nothing concerning COLIFAM.

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